

only one. They consider their Reputation merely for the Sake of their Power, and as this Measure contributes to strengthen their Power, it is not to be doubted but they would pursue it at the Hazard of their Reputation. Do not the vast Sums annually expended in the Support of *Gibraltar* and *Minorca* pass thro' ministerial Hands? Is not the Disposal of all Places Civil and Military there, a very valuable Branch of ministerial Power? And can it be expected, that certain M——rs will purchase the *Indies* for their Country, at the Expence of any the least Part of their *Power*?

Suppose *Cape Breton* to be the Price of an Accommodation, how loudly and warmly will public spirited Men declaim against such a Measure? It is plain, they will say, that we are the mean Suppliants for Peace. Was ever Minister so infatuated, without any Necessity, without any Distress, to part with the only Acquisition made during the War? and for what? for a paltry Peace, granted perhaps on the Enemy's Side, with a view to be broke, as soon as that important Island shall have been restored. *Cape Breton* appear'd to be one of the brightest Jewels in the Crown of *Great Britain*.
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