

“ *Louisbourg* is a good Port, and a safe Har-
 bour; and will be sufficiently provided against all
 Attempts made on the same, when the Fortifica-
 tions (about which they incessantly labour) shall
 be compleated. More than an Hundred Vessels
 from *France* arrive every Year in this Harbour
 to fish, and make Fish, of the Cod, which they
 catch in Small Craft of the Country, and after
 put into larger Vessels, where they salt them, and
 dry them, from the Beginning of *June* to *Octo-*
ber; when they all get ready to depart, each
 one for his assigned Port. This Island produces
 some Grain: But tho’ there are more than Four
 Thousand Inhabitants, they find their Account
 much better in Fishing than in Husbandry; and
 consequently the Land lies waste, they procuring
 all Necessaries in Exchange for their Fish.”

Which is sufficient to demonstrate what this Colo-
 ny was establish’d for, what Encouragement it had,
 how fast it grew, and how beneficial it must have
 been, in a Number of Years more, to *France*, more
 than even it was at that Day; from whence they
 must of Necessity import every Necessary of Life
 whatsoever, and pay for the whole out of this Fish-
 ery, as the Marquis justly observes. Which Fishery
 was carried on during the Peace, according to the
 best Account from those of Ourselves, who, at *Can-*
so and at *Louisbourg*, have been Eye-Witnesses of
 Part of it, and from their Captains, &c. of their
 Ships, at different occasional Conversations, on
 comparing the *French* Fishery with the *English*; as
 follows, *viz.*

From the Gut of *Canso* down along Shore to *Lou-*
isbourg, and from thence to the North-East Part
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