

carry on a Traffick. By this Means a great deal of Money would be drawn out of those Colonies, even tho' the Imposition of our Commodities was not openly permitted (b).

Upon the whole, nothing is more capable than this Settlement to engage the Merchants of *France* in the Cod Fishery, because the Island of *Cape Breton* furnishing *Canada* with Merchandizes, the Vessels, which shall come thither from *France* upon this Fishery, may load partly with Merchandizes, and partly with Salt, and so make double Profit: Whereas at present the Ships of *France*, which go on the Cod-Fishery, load with Salt only. Add to this, that the Augmentation of the Fishery may enable *France* to furnish *Spain* and the *Levant* with Salt-fish, which would bring a great deal of Money into the Kingdom,

The Whale Fishery, which is very abundant in the Gulph, towards the Coasts of *Labrador*, or *New Britain*, and in the River *St. Laurence* up to *Tadoussac*, may prove another of the most solid Advantages of this Establishment. The Ships that go upon this Fishery, may load in *France* with *European* Goods, and either vend them at *Cape Breton*, or leave them with Correspondents; and taking in empty Casks at the same Place, may proceed on the Fishery. Which Fishery is the more easy here, as it is carried on in the Summer, and not in the Winter, as in the

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(b) The *French* Writers often talk openly of the *English* Love of clandestine Trade, and *Savary* gives it as his Opinion that even the Dread of Death would not deter our Smugglers at home from running our Wool to *France*, and bringing back their Commodities. Is it not Time we should throw off at once the Danger and Scandal of this pernicious Practice?