

well may, by the Help of our Fleets) all the Papists in *Christendom* will depend upon us for their Fast Day Provisions, and must pay us a greater Tax for their Superstition than they pay even to the Pope himself.

8. That we shall not only hurt the *French* Nation in general (our most dangerous Rivals) by depriving them of their Fishery, but must largely abridge the Revenue of *France*, by lessening the Consumption of *French* Salt, the Profit of which is solely in the Crown, and more than Half of which, that was made in the Kingdom, was employ'd in this Fishery. At the same Time the Revenue from our own Salt Trade, which stands engag'd for a considerable Part of the National Debt, may be made to increase in Proportion as that of *France* is lessened,

9. That the Advantages to arise from this Fishery, are not merely the Profits of the Fish, or the Salt to cure it; but the vast Consumption of *British* Commodities, of most Kinds, that must be occasioned by this Trade, and the Superiority it must inevitably preserve us at Sea, by being an eternal Nursery of perhaps 30, 40, or 50,000 Seamen; since nobody can tell what Numbers might be employed, while we had this Trade solely in our Possession.

10. That the *British* Empire in *America* can be no otherwise compleated, nor our Trade to *New England*, *New York*, the *Jersies*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *Carolina*, and *Georgia* be secured, than by keeping Possession of *Cape Breton*.

11. That the Strength of this Place when attacked by the *New-England* Men, the long Siege it held out, and the Danger there was of a Miscarriage,