

here, as it gives a good Account of what was the State of this Colony at that Time. I may venture to advance, that if this Memorial does not persuade all those, who read this Narrative, that *Isle Royale* is preferable to *Acadia* itself, it will at least convince them, that after the Cession of that Province, and the Port of *Placentia* to the Crown of *England*, a solid Establishment in this Isle was indispensably necessary (g).

*Reasons assigned by Messieurs Raudot
for making an Establishment at Cape
Breton.*

THE two Intendants begin with supposing that the principal, and almost the sole View in raising the Colony in *Canada*, was the Commerce of Furs, especially Beaver; which however is not true farther than with respect to private Persons. But they well remark, that it should have been foreseen that in course of Time either the Stock of Beaver would be exhausted, or the Commodity itself would grow too common; and consequently, that it wou'd not be sufficient to support a Colony of this Importance; that it was already, in fact, fallen into the latter of these two Inconveniences, the Abundance of Beaver Hair having ruin'd the Trade. Private Persons, who have nothing in view but to make Fortunes in a short Time, do not regard

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(g) This Necessity for making such Establishment on the Side of the *French* was altogether as strong for us to take it from them the first Opportunity, and should be for our keeping it, as will appear more clearly as we proceed.