

begin hostilities afresh in a few years; nay, even contend with us upon our own element. Is it in consideration of the French relinquishing Canada, that we are to give them the island of Sable? Or is it in consideration of their restoring to us part of Newfoundland?—To shew the *real* importance of the island of Sable, it may not be amiss to give a description of it. It lies in lat. 44. 15 N. long. 59. 2 W. about 130 miles east from Halifax in Nova Scotia, and about 100 miles South from Louisbourg; it abounds with several fine sand hills, has a large lake in the middle, and is about 20 miles in length, and three in breadth. Adjoining to it is a very large fishing bank, called after its own name; and contiguous to it are several other fishing banks, which extend along the coast of Nova Scotia, and are not inferior to those of Newfoundland; and have this advantage, that the climate is by far more temperate than it is there; therefore the giving the enemy permission to cure their fish here, is not only granting them a very valuable nursery for seamen, which it is our immediate interest to prevent as much as possible; but it is doing great prejudice to our colony of Nova Scotia, which we have taken such pains to rear and protect, as there is the greatest reason to expect, that soon after this cedere all