

ing on the Islands of *St. Peter's* and *Miquillon*, but with a View of being enabled to come at Fish at a much cheaper Rate than they could (or can possibly) catch it, which is by carrying on an illicit Trade, with the Fishing People of *Newfoundland*. It is inconceivable what Quantities of *French* Rum, Melasses, &c. they bartered with the *Newfoundland* Traders, when they were in Possession of *Cape Breton*; and how much more will they do so now, when they are so much nearer our Island of *Newfoundland*. I have known them bring Ships even into several of the Bays of *Newfoundland*, and Boats and Ships have met them, without ever coming to an Anchor, and exchanged with them, to the Amount of their whole Cargo.

I cannot help again observing the Absurdity of a Captain of a Man of War's being Governor of so extensive a Branch of Trade. It is not in the Nature of Things, from their short Residence there, that they can ever arrive to any Degree of Knowledge of it. I have known them give Grants to particular People, that would have ruined the whole Trade, and could
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