

‘ As to the fishery and the drying of fish on the Banks of Newfoundland, the King requires that the thirteenth article of the Treaty of Utrecht be confirmed by the present Treaty.

‘ Concerning the condition proposed by England, with respect to the liberty of fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, France agrees, that beyond the port of Newfoundland specified by the thirteenth article of the Treaty of Utrecht, the French (unless in case of accidents) cannot land on the coasts appertaining to the English in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, whether to dry their fish, or to spread their nets on the said coasts; but without these two exceptions the French shall be at liberty to fish, without molestation, in all parts of the said Gulf of St. Lawrence.

‘ With respect to the cession of the island of St. Pierre, the smallness of that island, and its situation near Plaisance, make the King of opinion that such a shelter will be illusory, and will rather serve to breed contests between the two nations, than to procure the accommodations for the fishery of the French subjects.

‘ The King had required the island of Cape Breton, or the island of St. John; his Majesty had even restrained himself to the little island of Conceau, and now makes the same proposition to his Britannic Majesty; or if the King of England, for reasons unknown to France, cannot agree to the cession of the isle of Conceau, it is proposed to add to the cession of St. Pierre, the islands of *Maquelon* or *Michelon*, two islands, of which one, which is St. Pierre, is but three leagues wide, and Michelon but two. However inconsiderable these two settlements may be, which do not properly make one, the King will accept of them, and will even oblige himself, 1. That neither in one or the other island, or in that of Conceau, if England cedes the latter, there shall be any military establishment; France will only maintain a guard of fifty men to enforce the police, which it will be necessary to maintain in those islands.

2. ‘ As far as possible, considering the weak guard of the police, the King will prevent all foreign vessels, even English, from landing at those Islands.

3. ‘ France does not pretend to fish and dry their fish on the Coast of Newfoundland, but in pursuance of the stipulation of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, provided it be understood that the French may fish and dry their fish on the Coasts of St. Pierre and Michelon.

4. ‘ Lastly, the King allows, that an English Commissary shall be resident in the said Island, to be witness to the punctuality with which the stipulated condition of the Treaty shall be observed.

‘ The partition of the four neutral Islands must be specified between the two Courts in the Preliminaries; France accepts the partition of those Islands proposed by England, provided that St. Lucia be declared to make part of the partition to be regulated in favour of France.

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‘ The King, without entering into any discussion of the 6th Article, agrees to this Article as well as to the 7th.

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