

and securing the Country from *France* will greatly over-balance the Expence, and exceed all the real, and imaginary Advantages that have been suggested to result from the Possession of *Cape Breton*: As this Assertion may be thought repugnant to the several Importances of that Island, which have been laid before the Public, I shall enter more particularly into the Consideration of it, and its Fishery, than I at first intended: It has already been observed, that the Place is barren compared with *Nova Scotia*, and will never admit of any considerable Improvements: The Truth, and Reason of these Facts are very obvious; *Cape Breton* was as soon known, as *Nova Scotia* or *Newfoundland*, but was never thought to be of any Value to the Possessors of those Places, and it was the Exclusion from them, that put the *French* on fortifying; and induced their Settlement of it, and notwithstanding a thirty Years Possession, its Produce, exclusive of Fish, will not subsist a hundred Families; its Winters are of great Length, and extreme cold, it being common for the Frosts to continue till the latter