

accordingly meet at *Soissons* and *Cambray*, but never settled one Point relative to the Limits of *North-America*, and the Dominions of the *Indians* therein, except the Boundary of the *Hudson's-Bay* Company I have just mentioned. But if prior Discovery and frequent Visitation of a Country gives Title to it, we have an indubitable one to all that Country called *New-Britain* or *Labradore*, extending Southward from the before mentioned Promontory in N. Lat. 56 D. 30 M. to the North Side of the Entrance into the Streights of *Belle-Isle*, and from thence due *West* till it meet the Southern Boundary of *Hudson's-Bay* Company's Territories. Though the *French* have been careful to colour the whole of this Country upon their Maps for themselves. Three Years ago a Number of wealthy Merchants of the City of *London* petitioned for an exclusive Grant of this Country, for a Number of Years, on Terms that would have been very beneficial to the Public, as well as themselves. Their Petition was referred to the *Right Honourable Lords for Trade and Plantations*, who reported in favour of the Project, and proved his *Majesty's* Title to the Country; but for political Reasons it was afterwards dropped. And since that there have been several bolder Attempts than ever of private Traders, Subjects of his *Majesty*, to establish Commerce with the *Eskimeaux Indians*, who reside on and near the Sea Coast of this Country, which has from one End to the other been often explored by his *Majesty's* Subjects; but there never was any Establishment made in it by any *European* Nation; for the Natives have an invincible Antipathy to all Foreigners, and destroy all those that happen to be wrecked on their Coast, or attempt to trade with them, whenever it is in their Power.

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By the Treaty of *Utrecht*, which in this respect is confirmed by that of *Aix La Chapelle*, *NEWFOUNDLAND* was ceded to *Great-Britain*, reserving to the *French*, through the good Officers of our iniquitous Administration in 1712, Liberty to visit and to erect Huts and Stages for drying Fish from *Cape Bonavista* to the *Northermost* Point of the *Island*, and from

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