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capital of the ifland, ftrongly fortified, and garrifoned by the French with 7000 men, from whom it was twice taken, once in 1746, and again in 1759; after which, the fortifications were ruined, and the place abandoned to its fate. Spanish River is a good harbour, on the east fide of the island, well sheltered from all winds, and, though posses of but few inhabitants, is well situated for the fisheries, and abounds with pit-coal, which is exceedingly suphurous, but is fent off in large quantities to Halifax, and other places.

The weft coaft of this ifland borders upon the eaft end of Nova Scotia, being feparated from it by a fmall navigable ftrait of two miles wide, called the Gut of Canfo, through which ftrong tides run from the gulph of St Laurence, into which it leads. No inhabitants refide upon this part of Cape Breton, though the feas abound in every direction with fifh; and the whole ifland is covered with wood, which