

Means but by a great and flourishing Trade, whilst we were Masters of *Cape Breton* we had no Reason to fear; for Possession of this Place, would not only have deprived them of their fishing Trade, but commanded their Trade to *Canada*; and here I cannot forbear lamenting the glorious Opportunity which we have miss'd by not making ourselves Masters of this Country. Good God! what an immense Profit would it have been to us to have supply'd all *North America* with *British* Manufactures, and in return to have received their rich Furs? Such a Trade would have made us a rich People for Ages to come, and would have enabled us to have freed ourselves from all our immediate Hardships. There is not a Man, except the *Hudson's-Bay* Company, or one who has Money there, who would not have partaken of the Advantages of such an Enterprize; but, for aught I know, it might have been worth any one of that Company's While to have b——d a M——r to confound such a Project. Another Consideration which ought to have induced us to have kept this Place, is it's being so good a Nursery for Seamen, especially as we have discover'd there a rich Coal Mine, which in all Probability will, in a few Years, employ 1500 Sail of Merchant Ships. Again, the Profits which would have arisen to us from an Encrease of our fishing Trade, *Cape Breton*