

## the French Fishery, &c. 39

ticable to think of going *thither* for Shelter : And of Consequence the whole Trade to and from the *West-Indies, &c.* will be not only expos'd to our Privateers from the Northern Colonies in *War-Time*, without any Place to retreat to, but even in *Peace*, without any Sea-port they can call their own, or lay any Pretensions *now* to do, in these Seas, any where to the Northward of *Messissippi*, as above said.

And as to *Canada* itself, — the *River* is *now* so much under our Command, as well as the *Gulph*, that all Trade *there* may be very easily stopped, and all Communication cut off from them by our Ships in and out of *Cape Breton*. So that (without Force or Arms) in a very few Years that Colony would fall, and the whole Trade of Furs, carried on with the *Indians* there, come into the *English* Hands, as *Canada* may be kept unable to supply or furnish them. But a happier Consequence than this will be, that, as they may be kept from supplying the *Indians* to trade, so also from encouraging them to annoy our Frontiers : And they (the *Indians*) even *must* become obliged to, and dependent upon, *Us* ; so that we shall not be in such continual Apprehensions of their *Hostilities*, but rather may have them in as much *Subjection* to *Us* as they have been to the *French*.

To all that is said before in regard to *Cape Breton*, let it be added, that by this Acquisition we have secured to the Nation the Garrison of *Annapolis Royal*, and the Colony of *Nova-Scotia*. Which, being a very rich and fertile Soil, and its Coasts and Rivers abounding with Fish, and settled by *French* Catholicks, that Nation has much regretted the Loss of, and wanted to recover. Yea, and which they endeavoured to retake, by laying Siege to *Annapolis*, both the *last* Year, 1744, and this *present* Year ; and would have got it, had it not been for our Expedition to *Cape Breton*, which caus'd them to raise their Siege and withdraw. And by our HOLDING *Cape Breton*, we shall keep those *French* Inhabitants at *Acadia* in strict Allegiance to HIS MAJESTY, or else oblige them to quit their Possessions ; which are all *Farms*, brought to and fit for any Service immediately. Which will be an Encouragement to our own Subjects to go and settle there ; and also oblige the *Cape Sable Indians*, our Enemies, either to abandon  
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