

great Importance in any Attempts we may make on *Canada*; of great Importance to the Trade of *Nova Scotia*, and not so remote from the *Great Bank*, as not to be of some Consequence in that respect. And there still remains another Consideration; for the *French* can over-run the *Low-Countries* at Pleasure, can seize to-morrow what they give up to day; so that after having made a Surrender of *Cape Breton* (which the *French* could have never taken but by Means of our Ministry, nor we ever hope to recover) we may see our Allies too, divested of that Country, which thro' our Compulsion the Empress-Queen has so dearly purchased by Cessions made in *Italy* to *Don Philip*, of Territories (which the *French* in vain used their utmost Efforts to conquer) and Restitutions to the Duke of *Modena* and the *Genoese*—I will leave it to your Judgment, if we have not renounced all Claim to the Islands of *St. Lucia*, *St. Vincent* and *Tobago*, tho' there is not the least Word of this Cession in the Treaty published by Authority, as the *French* have been very busy ever since the Peace in making Settlements there, without the least Molestation from our Governor, who was used

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