

great Abundance about the *Three Rivers*: For then the Woods and Mines of the Kingdom might have some rest, or at least there would be no Occasion to buy Iron from *Sweden* and *Biscay*. Moreover, the Ships which go from *France* to *Canada* run a great Risk in coming back, especially if they do not make their Voyage in the Spring: But the small Vessels of *Quebec* will hazard nothing in going to *Cape Breton*, because they may chuse their Time, and always have experienced Pilots. What can hinder them from making even two Voyages in a Year, and by this Means saving the *French* Ships the Trouble and Danger of getting up the River of *St. Laurence*, which will shorten their Voyage a full Half?

Nor is it only by augmenting the Consumption of Goods in *New France* that the proposed Establishment will be useful to the Kingdom, but by the Convenience it will furnish of sending the Wines, Brandies, Stuffs, Ribbands, Taffetas, &c. of *France* to the *English* Colonies (a). This Commerce might turn to great Account, because the *English* would supply themselves at *Cape Breton*, and in *Canada*, with all the Goods, not only for the Continent of *America*, where their Colonies are exceedingly populous, but also for their Isles, and those of the *Dutch*, with which they carry

(a) This single Reason, if there were no other, should determine us eternally against ever parting with this Island again now we are in Possession of it. What would signify those Colonies being nominally ours, if the *French* could find Means to work us out of that Commerce by which alone they are profitable to their Mother Country? To what a Degree they had done this before our taking of *Louisburgh* I have not heard computed: But certainly they would have grown upon us in this Article, as their Colony had increased in People, Wealth, and Traffick.

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