

include *Cape Breton*, and all the rest in those Seas) and the opposite Coasts along the Continent, might, if carried to the highest, and made the most of, by any one Nation, be render'd of more Value than the Mines of *Peru* and *Mexico*, or than any other Possession or Property that can be had in any Part of the World.

5. That the Reason of this is, because a vast Quantity of Salt Fish is a necessary Part of the Support of the present large and populous Nations of *Europe*, as well on Account of the frequent Deficiencies and Failures of other Provisions, as from Motives of Religion or Superstition, which bind down two Thirds of the People in *Christianity* to the Use of no other Flesh but that of Fish for almost half the Days in the Year.

6. That these latter Motives induc'd the *French*, while they were in Possession of *Cape Breton*, to be more industrious in the Fishery than the *English*, and their Crown to give them better Protection; by which Means they outvied us greatly in this Trade, and in a Course of Time might have driven us entirely out of it: Whereas we, by possessing the Whole, shall have the strongest Incentives, those of immense Profit, to cultivate this Trade to the utmost, and our King will have the most powerful Reason to protect us, from the great Addition this Trade must in Time bring to the Revenue.

7. That if ever *Cape Breton* be restored to the *French*, or they are suffer'd to establish and carry on without Interruption any other Fishery, the same Motives will revive again, and the same Encouragement will be given them by the *Roman Catholic* Nations to outvie us in this Trade: But if we keep the Whole in our Hands, (as we very