

*Newfoundland*, would have the whole Benefit of it to themselves; in which Case all the *Roman* Catholick States must then depend on the *English* solely for their Baccalio; which, besides the Profits arising immediately from it, would give them almost the whole Trade of the *Mediterranean*, with an Increase of 27,000 Seamen for the Royal Navy, and put it absolutely in their Power to cut off all Communication between *France* and *Canada*, except through the *Mississippi* (as is before observed) and thereby not only render *Canada* of little or no Utility to the *French*, but deprive it of all effectual Support from *France*, against any Attempts of the *English* for the Reduction of it.

From the State of these two Colonies it is clear, what the Difference would have been to *Great Britain* in the Course of this War, if instead of the Preservation of *Nova Scotia* and Reduction of *Cape Breton*, she had lost the former to the *French*, and they had kept Possession of the latter: In that Case, *France* by gaining the principal Key of the Northern Colonies, extending her Sea Coast 90 Leagues further upon the *Atlantic*, and augmenting her Territories in *Canada*, and the Island of *Cape Breton* with so large a Provision Country as *Nova Scotia*, lying contiguous to both of them, would have had it in her Power to introduce and support a Body of regular Troops there, which in Conjunction with the Militia of *Canada* and the *Indians* upon the Continent (every one of which, the Six Nations not ex-