

discerning Multitude. But such are the Arts of Courts, such the Mysteries of some Cabinets, which have an Eye more to present or near, than distant Objects.

At the very time that such Industry and Art were used here at home to magnify the Importance of that Conquest, I saw a Letter from the principal Commander on the Spot, an ingenuous and intelligent Gentleman, and allowed such universally, giving such a Description of the Soil, Air, Harbour, Fortifications, and Situation, as would be no Incentive to an *Englishman* to refuse the restoring it for the Sake of Peace, or even for an equivalent of no very great Consideration.

It must however be admitted, that the fortuitous Consequences attending the Possession of the Harbour and Fortreſs of *Louisbourg*, rendered the Conquest of greater Importance than it was, or could be, independent of such Consequences. If the Capture of the *French* East-India Ships, and the *South-Sea* Man, that had taken Shelter there, believing it still in the Possession of *France*, had not suddenly followed the Conquest of the Island, the ministerial Partizans, with all their Address, would not have been able to persuade the Publick
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