

and *Isle Royal*, *Great-Britain* can by no Means consent to it, without giving up their most essential Security for the Rest of the *Peninsula*. They may full as well abandon it entirely, as leave the Key to it in the Hands of another.

3d, The same Difficulty presents itself with Respect to the Proposal of leaving a certain Extent of Country uninhabited on the *Peninsula*, along the Coast which reaches to the Gulph of *St. Lawrence*. It appears to *Great-Britain*, that a vast Thickness of Wood, and the Passage of several Defiles, would rather be a Cover, than an Obstacle, to any Designs which either of the *Two-Nations* might form against the other.

4th, In Consequence of these and the like Reflections, *Great-Britain* is obliged for its Security still to insist upon having a certain Border of Country, which may be agreed upon, along the North Side of the Bay of *Fundy*, as far as the Gulph of *St. Lawrence*, without which the Possession of the *Peninsula*, and Bay of *Fundy*, will be altogether Precarious.

So that on which Side soever the Conditions and Restrictions proposed by *France*, are considered, *Great-Britain* cannot but look upon them as so many Seeds of new Dissentions. To leave the Bay of *Fundy* in common, would be the readiest Method of interrupting the good Harmony so much desired on both Sides. Nay, by the Confession of *France* itself, in the Memorial of *M. Torci* of the 10th of *June*, 1712, Experience has heretofore sufficiently demonstrated, that it is impossible to preserve such an Union, in Places possessed in common by the French and English; which Observation is equally true with Respect to a Bay so narrow as this in Question. *France* has hitherto been content with *Isle Royal* to secure their Entrance into the River *St. Lawrence*; and it was for the like Reasons, that the *English*, to whom the Possession of *Acadia* and *Newfoundland*, was fixed by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, abandoned their Pretensions to possess over and above these, the Island of *Cape-Breton*, in common with the *French*.

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