

“ all other Nations out of the Ocean, till  
 “ after the Year 1400, that the Art of  
 “ salting and curing of Herrings being  
 “ found out in *Flanders*, the Fisheries in  
 “ these *Netherlands*, being added to our  
 “ Manufactures, proved to be of more  
 “ Importance than the Trade and Navi-  
 “ gation of the *Easterlings*.

Monsieur *Huet*, a famous Author, who  
 made the Commerce of the Ancients and  
 Moderns his particular Study, and was one  
 of those Persons, whom the *French* out of  
 Policy have sent into the principal trading  
 Countries to inspect their Management,  
 and pry into the Secrets of their Trade, in  
 his *Memoirs of the Dutch Trade*, says,  
 “ It is certain that there were some Ma-  
 “ nufactures established in *Holland* long  
 “ before their Fishery, Traffick and Na-  
 “ vigation; but then this was so incon-  
 “ siderable a Matter, that it may be truly  
 “ said, that the Fishery gave Birth to their  
 “ Traffick and Navigation;” and then adds,  
 “ This was the Opinion of M. *de Wit*,  
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