

The other Motives, which induced the Governor to think of forming an immediate Expedition against it, were—That Mr. *Duvivier* was sent by Mr. *Duquesnel*, a short time before his Death, to *France*, in order to represent to the Government the weak Condition of *Annapolis Royal*, and State of the whole Province of *Nova Scotia*; and to procure an Armament from thence early the next Year to make an Attempt against it:—That the *New England Fishery* was wholly destroyed; as would likewise the Trade of the Northern Colonies be by the French Ships of War and Privateers from *Louisbourg* the Year following; that the Reduction of *Louisbourg* would be the most effectual Means of securing *Nova Scotia*, restoring the *English Fishery*, and destroying that of the *French*, and protecting the Trade of the Colonies; and would facilitate the Conquest of *Canada* itself, if that should be thought proper to be attempted in the succeeding Year: But in case the Success of the Expedition should fall short of the Reduction of *Cape Breton*; yet the certain Effects of it would be the recovering of the Island of *Canso*, and the whole Fishery along the Coast as far as *Newfoundland* by destroying the Buildings, and breaking up all the Settlements and Fishery upon the Island of *Cape Breton*; the causing such a Diversion as would probably secure *Nova Scotia* for the following Year at least; and the disarming the Harbour of *Louisbourg* of the Grand Battery; which would make it

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