

of others than the poverty of my description — And thus having set forth the original right of the *English* nation to the whole, with its several diminutions, stating the facts plainly as they came to my knowledge, and making in passage some few observations, which a regard for truth, justice, or the public welfare would not permit me to withhold, I shall leave the merits and demerits of the persons concerned in the acquisition, preservation or diminution of this invaluable public treasure to the determination of others, before quitting my subject only saying that when together with the preceding matters I consider that sea force consists chiefly of seamen, and how large a part of the sailors fighting the *French* fleets in past wars were raised up by this fishery, and what numbers of gallant *British* officers and excellent seamen have lost their lives by means of forces drawn from the proper *English* fountains, and what numbers will hereafter in the course of human affairs lose their lives by the same means, for causes will produce their effects, I cannot forbear recollecting that the eagles grief was encreased on her finding that she was shot with an arrow feathered from her own wing; and that my cordial wishes for the future happy fortunes of my prince and country are accompanied with concern that after obtaining so many important victories, whereby the enemy was so far enfeebled and disarmed, and the sources of her commerce and naval strength brought into our possession, there should be prevailing reasons for putting into her hands so large a portion of this great fountain of maritime power.

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