

The Settlement of this Province will be attended with some Charge to the Government, and on that Account may probably meet with Interruption; yet as the general Advantages are so conspicuous, nothing should be permitted to defeat it; for altho' the Expence may at first be considerable, it will not be durable, as the new Inhabitants, by a well regulated Militia, may be able in a few Years to defend themselves; this was the Case with the Colonies in *New-England* from their Infancy, altho' they struggled under Difficulties infinitely exceeding any that the proposed Settlements can be subject to, whilst *Great-Britain* commands at Sea: The *French* Inhabitants must continue to be neutral, as they stile themselves now, and the *Indians* are become so inconsiderable that very little Danger is to be apprehended from them, if the Settlements are made compact, and in a defensible Form; the Maintenance of Forts, and Garrisons will then be a temporary Charge only, and soon cease to be necessary; but if it should not, the Introduction of Protestants,  
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