

time be refortified, consider how likely it is when probably the Expence of it would amount to more then the whole Country about them is at present worth. But if the Charge was less, who would undertake it? Can the Queen of *Hun--y* afford it; or would the Inhabitants of the respective Towns, who don't know To-day who may be their Masters To-morrow, put themselves to that Expence? Finally, if it was to be attempted, would the *French* suffer it? As to minuter Articles, such as the 15th of the Treaty, whereby any Country taken Possession of and fortified by *France* before the War, or any Fortifications or Stages erected, if any such there are on *Newfoundland*, contrary to the Tenor of former Treaties are ratified, confirmed and allowed of, I shall pass them over, tho' doubtless they are and might be of infinite Consequence, otherwise the *French* would not have thought it worth their while to have taken Possession of, and fortified the one, nor would the other have been so strongly provided against in former Treaties. But as to the Cession of the Royal Isle, commonly called *Cape Breton*, I cannot so easily pass that over without offering some Reasons why I think we ought never to have parted with that Place, The only thing I think *Great-Britain* has to apprehend of *France* is her becoming a maritime Power, which, as it is never to be effected by any other
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