

was the Choice of a Port, where it would be proper to establish the General Quarters. Concerning this the Opinions were long divided between *English Haven* and *St. Anne's Port*, I have already said, that the first is one of the finest Harbours in all *America*; that is almost four Leagues in Compass, having Anchorage every where in six or seven Fathom of Water; that the Anchorage is so good, that Ships may be run a-ground on the Shallows without Hazard; that the Entrance is not 200 Toises, or 1200 Feet over, between two small Isles which can easily defend it. Here are also Cod-fish in Abundance, and the Fishery may be carried on from the Month of *April* to the End of *December*. But the Objections against this Place were, that the Ground is barren all round about it, and that it would cost immense Sums to fortify it, because all the Materials must be fetch'd from a great Distance: Besides, that it had been remarked, there was no sandy Shoal in this Haven large enough for more than forty Fishing Vessels,

I have observ'd, that there is a very secure Road before *St. Anne's Port* among the Isles of *Cibou*, and that a Slip of the Main Land almost entirely shuts up the Port, leaving a Passage only for one Ship at a Time. This Port, thus shut up, is almost two Leagues in Compass, and of an Oval Figure, deep enough for Ships every-where to ride close to the Shore; that, thro' the Height of the Shores, and the Mountains which surround and cover them, the Winds are scarcely felt here: To which those who declared in favour of this Port added, that it might be render'd impregnable at a small Expence, and that more might