

France by the *Utrecht* treaty, and the fishery in the gulf in general, were the only fisheries which *France* demanded during the course of the negotiation, from its commencement to the delivery of her last memorial. This, I conceive, is worthy of particular notice—That for the sake of these two fisheries the shelter was during this course demanded and insisted on, as necessary to their enjoyment---That *France* having pressed this necessity, by the answer of *England* to the ultimatum of *France*, his *Britannic* majesty consented to cede to the *French* king the island of *St. Peter*, with its port, for that purpose, upon certain express and indispensable conditions, containing apt and effectual provision for confining this island with its port at all times to the sole use of the shelter demanded---That *France* hereupon, by her next and last memorial, neither accepted the offer made to her, nor confined herself to the point of shelter; but after objecting to the smallness of the island of *St. Peter*, not to its port, and to its situation with respect to *Placentia*, and mentioning her proposals of other islands, proposed to add to the cession of *St. Peter* the island of *Miquelon*: then speaking of these islands as two inconsiderable settlements, declares that she will accept of them; and afterwards, that she “does not pretend “to fish and dry their fish on the coast of *Newfoundland*, but “in pursuance of the stipulation of the 13th article of the “treaty of *Utrecht*, provided it be understood that the *French* “may fish and dry their fish on the coasts of *St. Pierre* and “*Michelon*.” So that *France* now, departing from the tenor and spirit of all the prior negotiation, proposed to obtain two islands for two settlements, and two fisheries to be carried on upon these islands, instead of one shelter or port, to which her fishing vessels employed in the two aforesaid fisheries demanded in the preceding parts of the negotiation might retire in case of need.

For the better understanding the point of shelter, with the degree of its necessity, it may be considered, that the fishery