

bourg: it is well situated for making dry cod-fish, being about the middle of a long range of Cape-Sable coast fishing banks, and may prove the best cod-fishery hitherto known. I heartily wish success to the settlement, but we cannot expect that it should answer so well for husbandry, that is, for tillage and pasture, as our colonies farther south. I conclude with the words of Bacon lord Verulam, "Settling plantations is like planting of timber, we must wait patiently some years, before we reap any benefit [o]."

IV. A short recapitulation and conclusion of the Louisbourg affair; the Cape-Breton islands, for reasons of state, are now restored to the French dominions; and after some political remarks, we shall take our final leave of them. See vol. I. p. 335, &c. and p. 347, &c. The French of Canada and Cape-Breton had more early intelligence of the French war than we of New-England; it was proclaimed in Boston June 2, 1744. Louisbourg of Cape-Breton surrendered to us, June 17, 1745. Autumn following to garrison Louisbourg, were shipped off from Gibraltar, Fuller's and Warburton's regiments of foot, and three companies of Frampton's regiment, with a large

[o] In the late treaty of Aix la Chapelle, October 7, 1748, there were many things in relation to trade, and to the claims and boundaries in the respective plantations to be settled with France and Spain, which required a considerable time to be adjusted, and therefore could not be inserted in the body of the treaty, but referred to a convention of commissioners: as the French court in their various negotiations are noted for appointing men of merit and real knowledge in the various affairs with which they are intrusted, doubtless our ministry will use gentlemen of practical knowledge in trade, and habituated to plantation affairs; men of a quick clear thought, and of a distinct clear elocution.

In the present state of things, the well-being of the European mother-countries depends much upon their plantations; plantations make a country rich; Holland is rich, not from its produce or manufactures, but from its East and West-India plantations, its trade and navigation. France never flourished so much as in the administration of cardinal Fleury; his principal attention was to their plantations and trade; the empire of Germany, Sweden, &c. though they abound in labouring men, for want of plantations and trade, are very poor.