

Majesty's treasury could be easily secured, it would be easy, in three years' time, to render that island self-supporting, and make it in a few years an object of much importance. The advances which they asked and the means they had devised for reimbursement, were these : 1713-24.

1st, The King during peace does not require a great many of his vessels ; they decay in the ports, and are kept up at sea : it is then a benefit to the service to give them occasion for a voyage. The King would lose nothing by chartering some of his storeships to convey things necessary for the settlement in question. The produce they would bring back after the first year, would at least pay the wages and maintenance of the crews ; for by arranging in advance, they would find ready for them cargoes of coal, plaster, masts, yardarms, spars and other wood, which cost only the taking and dressing. The two ensuing years, they might add ship-timber, planks, oils, dried fish and other articles which the settlers would begin to give in payment for the advances received to enable them to settle, and which may be regarded as cash, since we have to buy them in foreign markets for specie. Moreover, the increase of the cod fishery would increase the King's duties on that article.

2d, Four complete companies will suffice for the first years, but special attention is necessary in selecting the soldiers ; they must all know useful trades, such as those of masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, wood-cutters, especially farm hands ; and in this view it is well to select young vigorous men, and good workers ; this selection will not be a difficult one to make when the war is ended.

It would even be expedient to take the first companies from Canada, where men could be found already trained for a new colony, and able to instruct those who come from France. But above all, it seemed of indispensable necessity, that the Governor of the new colony should have power to grant a discharge and permission to marry, to all soldiers desiring it ; they would also defend the country better as settlers than as soldiers ; the companies would become