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Governor, in the spring of 1752, to survey the coasts of the island and to collect statistical information. In the course of their travels they visited all the bays and harbours on the north-east coast; but Pichon says nothing about the mines except that "there were two pits (he probably means seams) at Bale des Espagnols (Sydney), and that the English had a coal pit at Burnt Head defended by a fort of considerable strength, where, with fifty men, they successfully repulsed the attacks of the savages and kept possession of the fort." He adds, that the pit took fire in 1752, when the fort also was entirely consumed. Traces of this fire may still be seen along the outcrop of the seam as far as Glace Bay, a distance of nearly one mile. There are no records of any coal having been raised in Cape Breton for several years following the reduction of Louisbourg in 1758, except about 3,000 tons annually for the use of the garrisons at that place and at Halifax. It is stated, in a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Francklyn to the Lords of Trade, that this coal cost the Government four shillings per ton, exclusive of implements and stores. After the Treaty of Paris, in 1763, instructions were sent out to the governor at Halifax to issue free grants of land, in Nova Scotia proper, to the officers of the army and navy who had served in America; but he was requested to issue no grants in Cape Breton, which was then annexed to Nova Scotia, until an accurate survey should be made of the island. This survey was not completed until 1767; but, in the meantime, as the prohibition did not extend to the leasing of mines, several officers, who had noted the great value of the coal seams, applied for leases in Cape Breton. On March 19, 1764, Brigadier-General Howe and some other officers of distinction, who had served in the late war in America, petitioned the king for a grant of land in Cape Breton, "being," as they stated, "desirous of becoming adventurers in opening coal mines, and of endeavouring to establish a colliery for the better supplying the several colonies and garrisons on the Continent with fuel. That, to enable them to carry this their design into execution, they humbly pray to have granted to them as their allotment a tract of land on the east shore of the island, extending from the point on the north side of Mira Bay to the south-east side of the entrance into the Bras d'Or and seven miles inland, and supposed to contain about 55,000 acres." They offered to pay a royalty of two shillings sterling per chaldron, London measure, on every chaldron exported. It will be seen, by reference to the map, that the tract applied for embraced nearly the whole of the Sydney coal-field. In the month of May, 1764, Sir Samuel Flinders and three associates applied to the Lords of Trade for a lease of all the coals in the island, offering, "upon having the Credit Union Difference. Discover It For Yourself. Today. When you join the Credit Union, you become a member-shareholder, not just a customer. That means you can have an equal say, an equal share in how things are done. You can be sure that the decisions the credit union makes are made right at home. Another Credit Union difference is that we're always looking for new, innovative ways to improve our services for you. And by operating close to home and listening to you, we're able to offer you flexible financial services based on your

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