

From the Plantations - -	{ With all their Bread, Flour, Rum, Sugar, Mellasses, some Beef, Pork, Pease, and sundry other Articles, amounting the last Year to £. 102,304. 3s. full Nine Tenths of which is immediately paid for in Bills of Exchange upon England.
From Foreign Countries -	{ A considerable Quantity of every Kind of Goods and Manufactories used in the Fisheries, as well from the French as from other Countries, brought by the Salt Ships; besides many Foreigners are concerned with our People in the Shipping so employed.

The present Managers of the Fishery pay Wages, &c. with these Provisions, Necessaries, and Cloaths, at most exorbitant Rates; thus the Wages, though nominally high, is reduced very low, the Men become their Property, and cannot get out of the Country, nor afford to wear but little Cloaths, especially as they are idle, and drink such immense Quantities of Rum, and thus they become averse to and unfit for Labour; but were they to return to England Yearly, they would get all Necessaries and Cloaths from 1 to 500 per Cent. cheaper, as they would not be idle or running in Debt during Six or Seven Months; but on the contrary, earning more Money, they would certainly become good industrious People, and expend more of the Produce and Manufactories of this Countrey; besides 30,000 such Men passing and re-passing every Year, that alone would employ above 200 Ships more, which would also create an Increase of the Consumption of our Manufactories, and be an immense Encouragement to Shipping, Trade, and Navigation.

The other great National Object from the Fishery, as set forth in the Preamble to the said Act, is by Returns for the Fish from Foreign Countries, of great Quantities of sundry useful Commodities to the Increase of His Majesty's Revenues; this Object is equally injured by an Inhabitant Fishery, they, for afore-mentioned Reasons, being neither laborious, industrious, nor able Fishermen, there is not Half the Quantity of Fish taken as would be, it is not so careful and so well cured as it ought to be, which is the Cause of such great Quantities of bad Fish going to Market, which spoils the Credit of English Fish, keeps the Prices low—consequently the Return, and the King's Revenue, is thereby proportionably lessened.

Upon the Whole, if no Inhabitants were allowed, but the Fishery to be laid open and free to all the King's Subjects, and carried on by Ship Fishers, or even if the Ship Fishery was only restored to the original Footing, as directed by the Act of the 10th and 11th of William the Third, it most certainly would occasion double the Quantity of Fish to be taken, a Yearly Return of more Men to England than now returns to France; instead of Two or Three thousand Men, as at present, we should have, in Time of Danger, a Yearly Return of 30,000 always ready for our Fleets; this Addition of Wealth and Strength to the State would always be increasing.