

Let not this be deemed a mere *European* Speculation, since it is founded upon Facts verified in *Barbadoes*, which by these small Cantonments of Land, and other Institutions of the like Nature, is abundantly more populous than any Part of equal Extent, (except great Cities) in the *British* Dominions: as on the contrary, *Jamaica*, and many Provinces of *North America*, are thinly inhabited, and very weak, for want of such excellent Laws. But by the like Means, *Nova-Scotia* may become as populous as *Barbadoes*; and as it is of much greater Extent, may, in Time, grow powerful enough to defend itself against all Attempts of its Neighbours, the *French* and *Indians* united.

The Patrons of that Colony (I mention it to their Honour) have already began the Distribution of Land with due Precaution; and therefore, we may reasonably expect, will proceed to secure all the Boundaries, by small Cantonments of Land upon military Tenures; not repugnant to popular Freedom, but in a manner like the Practice of *Barbadoes*, as before suggested. But there is yet a Difficulty remaining; and that is, to contrive an effectual Method of preventing, absolutely, the Monopoly of large Tracts of Land in *Nova-Scotia*, until the whole Province is cultivated; but without dis-