

the Country. From the apparent Connexion between the Northern Colonies and the *West-Indies*, and their joint Relation to this Kingdom, it is evident, that the Increase of Inhabitants in the former, will contribute more to the common Interest, than employing the like Number at Home. This, one of the most accurate Writers * on the Subject, has demonstrated to be nearly in a Proportion of five to one; from whence it follows, that the before-mentioned Loss is equal to that of fifty thousand Labourers and Artificers here; and in regard to those Colonies vastly exceeds the Grant lately made them by Parliament, as the Value of their Labour for three Years only would have been equal to that Sum; and notwithstanding a Jealousy has been frequently excited on account of their Growth, it will appear, that the Commerce and Naval Power of this Kingdom will greatly depend on their future Encouragement and Protection.

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* Mr. Wood on Trade.