

There is one Article which has excited the Jealousy of this Nation more than all the Improvements the Colonies are capable of prosecuting, and that is, the raising of Wool, and as this has never been properly represented, I conclude it may be acceptable now ; the Inhabitants of *New-England* and *New York* are supposed to consume one with another *thirty Shillings Sterling* yearly in *British* Manufactures, two Thirds of which consist of Woollens, and according to Mr. *London's* Pamphlet, in proportion to their Numbers is equal to the Consumption within this Kingdom ; It will appear from his Calculations, that *five hundred thousand* Packs of Wool weighing *two hundred and forty Pounds* Weight each, are yearly wrought up in *Great-Britain*, amounting to *twenty-one Millions*, of which more than one half being exported, the Number of Inhabitants, at *twenty Shillings* each Person, exceeds the Value of the Remainder ; This may be easily demonstrated, by comparing the Number of People in these Colonies, amounting to *four hundred thousand*, to the Value of their *British* Importations, which is above *six hundred thousand Pounds* yearly, from whence it follows, that they annually consume more Woollen Cloaths than an equal Number of Inhabitants in this Kingdom ; but as they are known to raise Wool in *New-England*, it will be a Question, what becomes of it ? to which it may be answered, that the Winter Season being commonly longer, and severer than it is here, the Inhabitants require more Cloaths in proportion, which may be estimated at a sixth Part ; besides their usual Employments being very different from those of sedentary Artificers, and indoors Manufacturers, may well be supposed to enlarge their Consumption.

It will appear from the foregoing Computation, that these Colonies produce about *two thousand* Packs of Wool annually, which is *four hundred and ninety-nine* less in Proportion to the Inhabitants, than grows in *Great Britain*. This Account may the more easily be credited, by comparing it with the Number of Sheep slaughtered in the Course of each Year, observing, that as they are small, their Fleeces do not weigh