

we will not stretch out our Hands to value the Good offered by the Bounty of Providence, can we blame those who seek it with Hazard and Industry? It is our Part to applaud and rival them in that Fishery: or, rather encourage them to unite with us *as one People*, by inducing them to exchange their Marshes, for a more healthful Soil, on the northern Coasts of *Scotland*.

If the forfeited Estates of that Country, are applied without Fraud to this Purpose, and purchased Lands in a proper Situation, distributed by small Allotments, to such of the *Dutch* Fishermen as will bring over their Families, Boats, Nets, &c. this Kingdom will reap many great Advantages from an Accession of so many industrious Protestant Subjects; who by mixing with the *Highlanders*, will teach them of course, to taste the Sweetness of Industry, and all the Blessings of civil Life; will give them *Independence*, and by that Means set them free from the Influences of their present Lords more effectually than any Laws which human Art can devise, or legislative Power can enforce: for when People have a Variety of Means to acquire by common Industry, a comfortable Subsistence, with *Independence*, none can be so stupidly insensible of human Happiness, as to prefer Slavery, Hardship, and Want, to Freedom, Industry, and Plenty. To establish therefore the Herring-Fishery by all possible Encouragement, is to open new Sources of Wealth; to root out all the Seeds of Rebellion