

lost, the Nation loses seventy thousand Pounds. It is much the same Thing to the Community which ever Way this Loss happens, whether by the Distress, Sicknes, and Death of Individuals, for want of immediate Employment, by their betaking themselves first through Necessity to Beggary, and then keeping to it from a Habit of Idleness, or by quitting their Country, and seeking Service or Employment any where else. I say, which ever Way the Loss happens, it varies the Value of it very little; and therefore it becomes a Point of very great Consequence to the Nation, that such a Loss as this should be prevented, if by the Precautions before-mentioned, it can be done at a very small Expence, more especially when we reflect, that let this Expence be more or less, it is nominal only; because the Money remaining still amongst ourselves, the Nation in Fact loses nothing by it; whereas the Loss received by the taking away in any manner such a Number of able Hands, is both real and irrecoverable. Add to this, that the Computation before made, can be applied only to Soldiers and Marines; for the Value of a Seaman's Labour, I mean in respect to the Nation,

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