

prehend, remains, that can relieve this Country to any useful extent and purpose, but the parting with some of our Foreign Possessions which cost the most to the Public, and bring the smallest returns of profit or of national consequence.

In this class CANADA stands the most prominent ; a wide world of Wilderesses, with an unmeasurable Line of Frontier, pretended to be defended by Fortresses thinly spread alongst it, weak in themselves, too distant to support each other, or to be supported by or to support the Capital, ill placed at the extremity of the Line. The possession of this barren Wilderess costs the Nation, I imagine, Six Hundred Thousand Pounds yearly, and it will be an increasing expence. New Jealousies and new Jobs will beget new Fortresses, and new Fortresses will engender new Establishments ; and I doubt not in a few years the expence will not be less than a Million yearly. It cost the French immense sums, and yet the Inhabitants