

That *the Riches of a Country consist in the Number of its Inhabitants*, is an Expression that drops from the Pen of every Writer; but it must always be understood, that those Inhabitants are properly employed, and suitably encouraged; for, otherwise, it would appear to be an odd Position, that a Country should be called rich, when it is only filled with Vagabonds and Beggars.

But when it is considered, that the Northern Colonies, in less than five Years, have lost above seven thousand of its most active and industrious Inhabitants by their uncommon Ardour in exerting themselves for the public Good, besides a Habit of Idleness that has been contracted by a large Body, which has been long in Arms waiting for Employment; to which may be added three thousand more, who having entered on board his Majesty's Ships of War, and Privateers, are never like to return; their Loss will appear almost invaluable, and not to be repaired but by replacing a much superior Number of Men in
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