

if we consider the Assurance of 25 *per Cent.* (which indeed is not so high but in time of War,) the Expence of Commission, Freightage, which sometimes exceeds forty Crowns a Ton, the Advance of Money, the Warehouse-room that must be paid to the Commissioners, the Non Payment of Letters of Exchange when they are due, which often happens, and the Exchange at *Paris*, we shall find the Merchant is no great Gainer: In fact, there are no rich Men in the Country.

The Question then is, how to raise the Colony of *Canada*, to employ all the People, every one according to his Talents, and to put private Persons in the Way of subsisting, by lessening the Price of Merchandize? Now this End seems attainable, if a Place be found out whither they may carry conveniently, and at small Expences, their own Commodities, and where there may receive Goods from *France* to carry back with them. By this they will get a Part of the Freightage both Ways; and those of the Inhabitants, who are now sunk in Idleness, or do nothing but hunt, will be employ'd in Navigation.

Our two Intendants then put the Question, Whether this would not be prejudicial to *France*, by taking away a Part of the Profit of her Goods? They answer, No; because the Freightage gain'd by the Inhabitants of *New France*, will be immediately made up to *Old France*, in the Consumption of a greater Part of her Goods. For Example, those who now do nothing, and cover themselves with Goat-skins, as soon as they are employ'd will be able to cloth themselves