



THE P R E F A C E.

AS the following *short Treatise* was hastily wrote, it may probably appear incorrect to the judicious; but as the *Design* was to represent the *Value and Importance* of the *Northern Colonies* to this Kingdom, I hope it will answer my *Intentions* of promoting the public Good.

Their Trade and Produce have not hitherto been properly encouraged, altho' their *Utility* may be easily comprehended; a small *Bounty* on the several rough *Materials* they are capable of raising, and shipping Home, would soon enable them to supply the Nation with a *Variety of Articles*, in Return for its *Manufactures*, which are now purchased of *Foreigners* with *Cash*, and imported in their *Ships*.

The Settling of Nova Scotia will in a few Years render the present *Inhabitants* industrious and useful, whereby it may be justly accounted a most valuable *Acquisition*, which will be the more considerable, as the *Conditions* of its *Settlement* may be so advantageously calculated as to fill it without draining our *Mother-Country* of its *Inhabitants*. For this Purpose I have described the *Soil, Quality, and Manner* of improving the several *Parts* of it from my own *Observation*, whereby it will appear how easily it may be effected at a very small *Charge*, compared with the *Benefits* that will naturally result from it.— But if they were doubtful, yet the *Advantages* the *French* might otherwise make of this *Province*, and the *Want* of an effectual *Barrier* for securing the *Possession, Trade, and Fishery* of the *Northern Colonies* against their *Efforts* in a future *War*, sufficiently demonstrate the *Necessity* of keeping it out of their *Hands*, without being diverted by the *Con-*
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