

Scotia, by the command that a naval station at Halifax may give, is necessary to the protection of the northern fisheries in America, at least to such share as this country may hereafter have in them.

The sort of interest and power which may arise from a right occupying of these provinces, will always retain some hold on the *thirteen tribes which have gone off from Israel*; and when war shall end, will make it their interest to seek the alliance of Great Britain: as, on the other hand, Great Britain will always find it her interest to maintain a maternal alliance with the Americans, her descendants.

It is an object of such interesting importance to the Americans and French, that Great Britain should not possess these provinces as an enemy, that they will certainly become an object of attack: Halifax and Penobscot will be attacked next campaign by the French and Americans, and most likely Canada also. The defence of these provinces, and the maintenance of these posts, is of such and so great importance to Great Britain, that all the force which can be spared for the North American service, ought to be united at these points, and not divided. They ought not to be frittered away by being stationed at posts where the service is not so decidedly necessary, and where, not by the fatality,