

upon the whole Globe ever did, we are yet able to maintain as many as ever, and cheaper, perhaps, than we used to do, which is more than can be said of any other of our Manufactures, (as I call this of Ship-Building.) Is it not manifestly owing to this, that we can navigate cheaper than most Powers in *Europe*? Can we say upon any other Article whatever, that the Charge or Price is not enhanced in Proportion to our *European* Neighbours, but in this single Instance only? Hence, by any considerate Person, may be perceived the vast Advantage arising and accruing to this Nation, from these Northern Colonies.

The Inhabitants of *New-England*, in order to shew their Readiness in complying with whatever seems to be for the mutual Advantage of them and their Mother Kingdom, have given a Bounty of one Penny *per* Pound upon all Hemp and Flax produced there. This Colony produces, tho' not in so great a Degree, the same Commodities with *Pensilvania* and *New-York*. Here are several Manufactures begun, as I have mentioned before, and they have long been famous for making the best Falling-Axes in the World. From hence too we have the largest Masts in the World for our Royal Navy. All the Gold and Silver (with whatever is of Value there, after their own