

Difference is far from a Disadvantage to either, as it gives Rise to an Interchange of their respective Products, in its Nature necessarily attended with Advantage, which their Nearness to each other frees from all Inconvenience, or Danger of Interruption.

While the Inhabitants therefore of *Nova Scotia* apply themselves to Agriculture, those of *St. John's* may turn their Lands to Pasturage; and thereby not only have their Time more at Command to pursue their own Fishery; but also be able to supply those engaged in the other Fisheries with Beef for their Support, and to establish a most profitable Trade in that Article, with the *West-Indian* Islands, where it will always meet abundant Vent.—I do not mean by this, that *Nova Scotia* is utterly unfit for Pasturage; or *St. John's* for Agriculture. I only speak of the Produce, for which each is most fit, and which consequently it must be their Interest to pursue principally, as a Point of Commerce.

The Spirit, with which the Settlement of this Island was undertaken immediately at the Conclusion of the last War, and the Numbers, Rank, and Wealth of the Persons engaged, gave Reason to expect a farther Progress by this Time, than appears to have been yet made in it; but whatever has been the Cause of the Delay, it is to be hoped that the bad Consequences of it are sufficiently seen; and that the Undertaking will be re-assumed with Effect.

As to the Island of *Cape-Breton*, its Importance consists solely in its Situation, of which the *French* took sufficient

I

Advantage,