

it might have been proper to have considered a little how the Matter has appeared in Fact. Every Person acquainted with History must acknowledge, that the Places in antient Times, remarkable for Trade, had but small Territories. Tyre had a very limited Territory. I cannot be precise as to its Extent, but am certain it was not greater than two or three Shires in England. Carthage, the Daughter of Tyre, had but little Room for several Ages; but growing rich and powerful by Commerce, she attempted to extend her Conquests, and by doing so, brought on her own Destruction. At this present Time, excepting France and England, the other Places in Europewhere Trade flourishes, have but very narrow Limits. The Dutch, who as a Nation have deviated as little from the Maxims of sound Policy as any People on Earth, do not seem at all covetous of much Ground, or many distant Settlements; yet they are the richest People in Europe, and for their Numbers the strongest; just because these Numbers are inclosed in so narrow Bounds. They have indeed very valuable Settlements