

In enumerating these Advantages, your Lordship may possibly be surprized at my confining myself to such as are immediately fecular. But in this I conform to the Humour (if I may so call it) of the Times, to which Proposals for Practice must never run counter: But I live, my Lord, in Hopes of seeing better Times, when the Advantages of this Life shall be held in Esteem only as they are conformable to the more valuable ones of that which is to come; and no Means pursued, at least professedly, to procure the former, which shall not also conduce to the latter. And in this Hope I am, humanly speaking, confirmed by the Experience of all Ages, in which it has been invariably observed, that when Things arrive at a certain Point, they always change; and if Immorality and Irreligion are not arrived at their Height among us, Lord have Mercy upon those who are to behold their Advance!—

The next, and only Thing farther, which I would propose for the Improvement of this important Acquisition, is Agriculture. The other Branches of its Trade are in the Hands of the Natives, and should be left undisturbed with them, as best qualified to pursue them with Success, I mean the *Fur*, and *Peltry*-trades, for any Encrease that can possibly be made in the former of which, either in this, or any other Part of our Dominions, or in any of the Countries where we have Settlements, we can never want advantageous Vent; and for a large Encrease in the latter we have sufficient Room, and sufficient Reason to expect that Encrease, particularly in the Article of Deer-Skins, a much greater Quantity of which than is now imported could be brought with the greatest Advantage into our Manufactures; but as for Tillage, they