

powerful ; They having seen, and felt, from our Example, that Their very Existence as a Trading Nation, depends wholly upon Their having a mighty Navy. But should we be so happy as to establish our Possessions and Conquests in *North America* ; (neglecting nothing which may secure to us the firm and lasting Alliance and Friendship of the Indians) it will then be impossible for *France* to cultivate her Fisheries in those Seas ; from which Moment we may pronounce her no longer a Maritime Power. She may, indeed, possess Ships of War, but they will rot in her Harbours for want of Seamen (at least good ones) to man them, and of Trade to protect. The completing so glorious a Plan ; which, by the Wisdom and Fortitude of our Councils, is already brought to such great forwardness ; cannot fail of producing the most Signal Advantages to this Nation ; by furnishing the means of laying a very solid Foundation, for unburthening it of that heavy load of Debt and Taxes, under which the People have been groaning for so many Years.

To determine our Right to his Majesty's Territories in *North America*, it may not be improper to consider, by what Title any *European* Nation holds any Dominions there. *South America* was discover'd by *Columbus*, at the Expence of the King of *Spain*, about 250 Years ago ; and he has possess'd it ever since, by this *Right of Discovery* only ; which has been
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