

I would propose, that all Manner of Necessaries for the support of the Fishermen, should be made as cheap as possible, provided you don't hurt the Mother Country. Every Thing for the carrying on this immense Branch of Trade, is the Product of *England*, except Beef, Pork, and Butter, from *Ireland*; Rum, Sugar, and Melassies, from the *West-Indies* and *New-England*; as also a good deal of Bread and Flour, from *New-York*, *Philadelphia*, *Boston*. &c.

We have from *Portugal* and *Spain*, Salt and Olive Oil, and a mere Trifle of Port and *Lisbon* Wines; Oil is what the Fishermen cannot do without, to eat with salt Fish, both Winter and Summer; and as the Oil must first be brought to *England*, and then re-shipped for *Newfoundland*, notwithstanding it leaves but the meereft Trifle at the Custom House, yet the double Freight, and many other Expences, make it come exceeding dear to the Fishermen; therefore was it allowed to be taken on Board the Ships that are constantly returning from *Lisbon*, and other Ports, with Salt to *Newfoundland*, the Fishermen would be able to

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