

ants of the back countries, as they shall become settled, be they settled by whomsoever they may; for the merchants of this province, by advantage of their water-carriage, and by their ease of communication, will be able to supply the distant market cheaper than any other can, and will of course have the custom.

To defend and to maintain command in this province, the Memorialist ventures to say it will be necessary to maintain such a naval establishment on the great lakes, and on Lake Champlain particularly, as shall hold command in them. This measure this Memorialist first had the honour to suggest and recommend at a congress held at Albany in the year 1754; this measure was then adopted, was for the first time in 1755 put into efficient execution, and proved a decisive measure in the events of last war.

Such a naval power is necessary for the defence of Montreal and Quebec; such is necessary to the maintaining of authority with the Indians, and to the keeping open the courses of trade and commerce; it is necessary to cover the advancing settlements of the province, as in time it shall be enlarged in population and habitation.

The possession of the province Nova Scotia,