

land, the better to excuse themselves, yet it has been acknowledg'd to me by *English* Gentlemen, who were then on the Spot, and well experienc'd in these Affairs, that such a Fleet and Army wanting the Necessaries they did, could not have been dispatch'd on so short Warning from any Port in *England*.

My Answer to this Article of Accusation would be imperfect, if I did not still further observe, that these Governments have assisted and reliev'd the most distant of His Majesty's Islands, and the remotest Settlements on the Continent, when in Distress, upon no other Inducement, than that of being their Fellow Subjects. I'll give two or three Examples.

WHEN in the Year 1703, or about that Time, *Jamaica* was in Fear of an Invasion, and desir'd some Help from the Government of the *Massachusetts*; They, notwithstanding the length of the Voyage, which is often 8 or 9 Weeks, sent them two Companies of Foot, commanded by Colonel *Walton* and Captain *Larimore*, both very gallant Officers. The Companies arriv'd safe, and serv'd there two Years, sometimes on Shore, and at other Times as Marines on Board the Men of War, then in the Service of the Island; and I believe very few of these Soldiers ever returned to their Native Country.

IN 1705, when *Nevis* was plunder'd and ruin'd by *Ibberville*, *New-England* charitably, and of their own accord rais'd 2000*l.* for their Relief; which they sent in two Vessels, each having 1000*l.* on board in Flower and Salt Provisions for their Subsistence, and in Materials for Rebuilding their Houses and Mills. This they did generously, neither desiring nor receiving any Returns, when that Island came into more prosperous Circumstances.

AND now lately, when *Carolina* was engag'd in a War with the *Spanish Indians*, and wanted Arms and Ammunition, they were supply'd with both from *Boston*.

UPON the whole, what a vast Fund of Merit have the Charter Governments rais'd to themselves from a long Series of Faithful and Heroick Services! And how strangely out of Countenance must this Objection look, that they have neglected the Defence of the Inhabitants!