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The possession of these provinces is necessary to Great Britain as a naval power: without them, she can have no naval station, command, or protection in the American seas: with them, she may have all these, although they may not be able to supply at present her navy with all the naval stores that she may want. They will, however, supply sufficient quantity to ward off the monopoly which some of the northern Powers of Europe have formerly endeavoured, and may again endeavour, to establish against Britain; and have, and may again, as far as such could be established, use it hostilely against her.

The province Quebec, occupied to the extent that the variety of its natural products and capabilities go to, will become a much greater source of trade, in all events, than may appear openly at first sight. This province, by the command which it hath of water-carriage (if the maintaining of that command shall be duly attended to and continued) will be the market to, and have the supply of, not only the Indians, but of all the inhabit-