

which render the colonists unhappy, and drive British seamen to take shelter in the United States, where they man the public ships and the privateers of the enemy, and where they submit to the severe infliction of American naval discipline, and fight desperately, rather than return to their native service.

51. The revolted provinces have been often and with perfect justice accused of ingratitude, for having requited with rebellion their parent, who had entered into many wars, but that of the *seven years* in particular, entirely on American account: correct as this accusation is, none of the *present* North American colonies up to this day, are chargeable with a debt of this description. Great Britain has fought no battles for them. The debtor side of Mr. Colquhoun's political ledger, folio North American colonies, therefore, contains a gross error. I cannot find a single item of the nature of colonial *defence* or *settlement*, which of right should be placed to the debit of the present Northern Colonies\*. Whatever was expended, (and much it is said was wasted, in settling Nova) Scôtia goes to New England account; it was for her sake, and at her opportunity, *that* country was made a frontier post; and if ever it should be thought worth while to inquire into the case, it will be found that none was ever better suited to the purpose. Cape Breton and Canada were also afterwards conquered to insure the safety of New England. Long did Nova Scotia suffer from French and Indian warfare, before she became free from the murderous consequences of New England security. If Great Britain (notwithstanding her fostering care) and her revolted provinces have had two disputes which have cost each of them two round sums, the present colonies neither promoted the quarrels, nor have they, except in an increase of population, benefited much by them: Canada, indeed, has, on the contrary, suffered greatly by the two contests, in the burning of her towns, and the unjustifiable massacre of her inhabitants†, which it is true has not produced any love towards her enemies. Yet

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\* See paragraphs 3. 29.

† When Newark, in Upper Canada, was burnt under circumstances peculiarly atrocious, it took place when the thermometer was thirty degrees below zero, and women and children were forced into the open fields to shift as they could; and yet when a retaliation took place at Washington by the destruction of the *public buildings*, and one private house by accident, what a wailing did that inadequate chastisement occasion throughout Europe! But your true republican always assumes privileges he refuses to others.