

inclination, by diligence and industry, to render them so, they return, and, by way of excuse for themselves, represent it as a miserable country, and the inhabitants in a starving condition. However, the truth is, it is a very extensive country, abounding with fine navigable rivers, and is as well situated for trade as any place in the world. [At present they consume the greatest part of their produce at home; but, by a judicious improvement of their lands, which might easily be effected, they would raise such stocks of cattle, and crops of grain, as would enable them to supply the West India markets, from whence they would have their return in ready money.

They have good land that will grow any sort of corn, flax and hemp; and pastures that will feed any kinds of cattle. Their woods produce timber, fit both for ship and house-building, and supply them with pitch and tar; also, with fire wood: And they have coals for getting. They have great plenty of iron in New England. In short, they have all kinds of naval stores, as well as every necessary of life within themselves, without being beholden to any power upon earth.

[The greatest disadvantage this country at present labours under is, that its inhabitants are few; and those in general, ignorant, indolent, bad managers, and what is the natural consequence of such qualities, the greatest part of them are poor;] They have neither inclination nor industry to make great improvements. Can it then be wondered at, that a country so poorly, so thinly, and so lately inhabited, should have rather an unfavourable appearance, especially to those who have lived in the finest and best cultivated counties in England,