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A GREABLE to what was promised in my last, I send you my present Thoughts how *Cape Breton* may be farther improved, in a Way, wherein the Honour, the Interest, the Safety, and therefore the Duty of the Nation seem concerned. And this is chosen to be done in the humble Form of *Queries*; both, because it befits the Subject, and that the Hints therein given may be either rejected, or admitted and encouraged as the Matter may deserve.

Should it be here asked what Connection the propagation of our Religion has with the extending of our Commerce and Power, and the maintaining our Safety; I answer, this will in some Degree appear from the *Queries* themselves: And farther let it be considered, that honest Industry is the Daughter of true Religion and the Mother of fair Trade, and well gotten Wealth; and such Objects only are worthy of a national Care and Regard.

I may add, that Unity in Religion; Soundness of Faith and Integrity in holding and observing it when given in any Matter, are the strongest Bonds and Cements of Society, and Supports of Credit, among Members of the same Community; or, of Alliance and Friendship among Members of different Communities, as the *English* and *Indians* are at present.

And, on the other hand, let it be remember'd, that we can scarce ever expect the Hearts of the *Indians* to be towards us, or any Faith to be kept by them with their *American* Neighbours of our Nation, whenever it may be in their Power or Interest to break it, while they are under the Influence of *Romish* Principles and Missionaries, as too many of the *Indians* bordering on our Settlements are, and as our Colonies have felt to their Cost.

I am aware of several Objections that may be raised from the Difficulties and other Circumstances attending a Design of this Nature.

But let us once think right, resolve well, and set about our good Purposes heartily, and I am not without Hope, that all Objections and Difficulties will vanish before us.

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