

The Zeal and Attachment of these *Nova Scotians* to the *Romish* Faith, will always prevent the Settlement of *Protestants* in the Country, unless it be done in compact Bodies, and under the Cover of Fortifications; but till this is accomplished, it can no more be said that the Province belongs to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, because it is possessed of *Annapolis Royal*, than of the Kingdom of *Spain*, from our Possession of *Gibraltar*.

It is therefore absolutely necessary for the Safety and Interest of the Northern Colonies, that some speedy, and effectual Measures are taken, to put these *Nova Scotians* on a different Footing, or to remove them; the last cannot well be done, and the first in nothing better than by encouraging a considerable Number of foreign Protestants, and others, to settle amongst them.

This will not only be of immediate Service, but in a few Years will produce various good Effects, as the Country abounds with Pines and Firs, it will be capable of supplying this Kingdom with the finest Deal-Boards and Timber of all Kinds, in Vessels of its own, which are now imported from *Norway*, the *Baltic*, &c. in foreign Bottoms, and drains the Nation of immense Sums of Money; this is not only practicable on the first Settlement of the Country, but in the Course of a few Years will become a steady and useful Branch of Business: But if none of these good Consequences ensue, yet settling the Province with Protestants is of the greatest Importance, as the *French* will otherwise continue to cherish the present Inhabitants, till they exceed the Number, and are of more Consequence than those of *Canada*, and it requires no long Time to effect this, in a Country whose Inhabitants are not only very healthful, but very prolific; it must surely be deemed impolitic then to suffer such a Colony of *French* Bgots to be reared up under the kindly Influences of a *British* Administration, to cut our own People's Throats whenever the *Priest* shall consecrate the Knife; notwithstanding they hardly know the Name of a Tax or Duty, their *Quit Rent* being but a Trifle, and those who are at a great Distance from