

It is evident what Stress the *French* lay upon North America, from the immense Sums they have expended to secure their Possessions, and to reduce ours to their Obedience; the Charge of fortifying *Louisburgh* and *Quebec*, the Pensions and Salaries yearly paid in *Canada*, the Loss attending Duke *D'Anville's* fruitless Attempt on *Nova Scotia* and *Cape Breton*, and the great additional One of their Fleet the last Year, must amount to an immense Sum; one tenth Part of which expended in the settling of *Nova Scotia*, would be productive of such Advantages in the Increase of the most valuable Branches of Trade, as would exceed the whole Expence the *French* have been at in promoting and securing their Colonies.

The *Whale-Fishery*, which is now totally neglected, might be rendered very profitable if properly attended to; how this Nation should have discontinued it so long is difficult to account for, but it may be observed since the Merchants here decline it, that the Manner of fitting Vessels, Boats, Craft, and killing the Fish, in practice amongst the *New-England-Men*, exceeds that of any People in *Europe*, makes their Successes more certain and their Voyages less expensive, but the Want of Seamen prevents their prosecuting of it to Advantage; by transferring this Business from the *Dutch* to the Colonies, they might not only supply *Great-Britain* with Bone and Oil for home Consumption, but with large Quantities for Exportation, and increase the Demand for *British* Manufactures.

After having thus lightly touched upon these Points, I presume it will be agreeable to give a brief Description of the Northern Colonies, more particularly of those Parts which are most commodious for new Settlements.

*NEW-ENGLAND* is bounded by *New-York* on the West, *New-France* on the North-West, *Nova Scotia* on the North-East, and the main Ocean on the East and South, extending about one hundred and twenty Leagues from South to North, and eighty Leagues in Breadth from East to West; these Limits comprehend four different Governments, viz. the Provinces of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and