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luable Colonies, as near nine-tenths of their exports are the produce of the fisheries *on their own coasts*, were the carriage of this produce to market to be solely in British ships.

More than half the export of the New England Colonies is the produce of their fisheries, but the reason why disadvantageous to us is, this produce is that of fisheries distant from them, which the Parent-state might carry on to advantage. As to the fisheries *on their own coast* they are the best situated to carry them on, and it would be unreasonable, as well as impolitic, to prevent them.

It would be equally so, not to suffer them to carry on the whale or other fisheries wherein every other power has a right to fish as well as ourselves. All is, they should be confined to these, and then, if we have the carriage of their produce to market, neither party can have just reason to complain.