

the whole Business of Husbandry and heavy Carriages being performed by Oxen, instead of Horses, the former are doubly useful, and after a long Course of Servitude, by two Years Idleness and fattening, produce Beef that would credit the Stalls in *Leaden-Hall* Market.

The Increase of Inhabitants in these *Colonies* will then appear so far from being injurious to the Wollen Manufactory here, that it will contribute more to promote it, supplying an equal Number of People in any other Part of the *British* Dominions; but if it should ever be otherways, it will proceed from Necessity, rather than Choice; for if they are properly encouraged in raising of Hemp, Flax, Iron, and other rough Materials by a suitable Bounty, and in those Branches of Trade and Navigation which are not prejudicial to the general Interest of the Kingdom, their Advantages would be infinitely greater, and their Labour less, than if they prosecuted the Wollen Manufactory: But if on the contrary, these several Articles are totally neglected, they will be rendered incapable of making Remittances sufficient to pay for *British* Cloaths, and must of Course manufacture the best they can for themselves.

The general Advantages that will arise from fortifying and settling *Nova Scotia*, are to be considered as they regard the Views of *France*, as well as *Great Britain*.

The *French* have artfully laboured to make the most of the *Nova Scotians*, ever since their Subjection to the *British* Crown; they have not only secured to them the Enjoyment of their Religion and Estates, but take care to furnish them with Priests, who teach them to believe from their Infancy, that they are the Subjects of *France*, and they have always been equally useful to them; before the present War, they not only supplied the *French* at *Louisburg* with Provisions, but with Wives, and were very serviceable to them in their Fishery, in piloting their Vessels, and assisting them in their Fortifications; and since its Reduction, have all contributed to support, and many of them have actually joined a Body of *French* and *Indians*, in order, if possible, to get Possession of *Annapolis Royal*.

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