

the year, and the other, although seemingly so well situate for the fishery, that branch of commerce has never yet come there to any height, owing to the dearth of provisions, which is occasioned by the sea-coast being *unfertile*, and the parts that are otherwise being *so remote*. Interested people may *probably* maintain the contrary; all the Establishment of the Province will, *perhaps*, deny what is thus asserted (look for their motives among the Grants for its support since the year 1749) \*; it is nevertheless so; and as the Isle of Sable Bank is not looked upon as near so plentiful of fish, as the Grand Bank of Newfoundland, we must always find greater advantage by the latter than the former, it being so much *nearer home*, and the vessels being all victualled *from Ireland*, and fitted out *from home*. Add to which, those *unprofitable Possessions* must ever occasion contention about limits, in which the Americans, if they are separated from us, must have the advantage still more and more, whereas no such disputes can arise concerning an Island such as Newfoundland.

In order to cultivate a perfect and lasting *Friendship* and *Alliance with America*, and to form a *Natural Balance* to the *Family Compact*, regain the *affections of America* at any rate, promote her becoming a *Maritime Power*, and she will see it her *Interest* to throw her weight into *our scale*. Draw out the *Thorn* from the side of Spain by giving her *Gibraltar* and *Minorca* for an *equivalent*;

\* The first seven years, *exclusive* of the military establishment, being 475,486l.; yet the Colony *languished* until the war brought out a vast force, and caused a fresh circulation of money.