

not only as a previous Step, necessary to our Reconciliation with *Spain*, but as a Means of preventing the utter Ruin of our Commerce; for what Trade can support such an high Duty, accumulated upon all those Imports which the profligate Wit of former Times could invent, or Profusion require!

If therefore the present M-----y will make good their high Pretensions to Public Spirit, let them ease our Trade of its insupportable Burdens; let them give due Encouragement to our Colonies and Fisheries in general, and to the *Herring Fishery* in particular, as the great Sources of our naval Power; let the obvious Means above mentioned, be taken for that Purpose, and for discharging the Nation's Debt: Let a strict Oeconomy be observed in all the Expences of Government; not grudging however what is necessary to promote our Fisheries, and to establish our new Colony of *Nova Scotia*, as the great Barrier and Safeguard of the *British* Dominions, and Fishery in *America*: and in particular, let all *our old false Maxims in Politicks* be abandoned, as tending more to the Advantage of other Nations than of this our native Country.