

spars, Boards, Staves, Oyl, Bone, Filth, Tar, Turpentine, Iron, Beef, Pork, Cheese, Wheat, Flour, Rice, Tobacco, Skins, Furs, &c. So that in half a year they covered the Seas with Ships and Vessels, and sent them to foreign parts, and in Return, over and above what Produce they wanted, they brought quantities of Gold and Silver, and sent that Home to their Mother Country to what Necessaries they wanted, having no Use for the same, so long as Paper Money answers for a Medium of Trade. The making Paper Money I am told is of such general Advantage, that they send Home in hard Cash, many 1000 *per Annum*, and there are very few poor amongst them. The Farmers and Tradesmen of all sorts, are jointly concerned with the Merchant in building and fitting out Ships and Vessels, and concerned in owning and fitting out Privateers this so that we need not wonder the Seas were so full of them out of *North-America*, when all the Inhabitants of all Ranks and Degrees are unanimously agreed for their King and Country, and distress us, and all by the Help of that pernicious Paper Money, that makes them rich and powerful, able to do Wonders by Sea and Land. I am told, the small petty Colony of *Rhode-Island*, has 200 Sail of Ships belonging to it, and had above 20 Sail of Privateers of large Force this year, and if the Governments are suffered to go on making Paper Money, they will drive us out of this Part of the World, without any Help from their Mother Country. And I must tell you, great Sir, if Half the Force that took *Cape-Breton*, had come directly to *Quebeck*, we should have surrend'ed, for our chief Concern was not packing up our Alls and vamping off, having a Rumour of their coming; we dreaded these Puritans, knowing there were none of our Religion amongst them, and they were not to be bribed with *Leurs d'Or*, as the *European* Officers are: But the Scheme I propose, great Sir, is, I have certain Information, That many Numbers of the rich Merchants have a Desire to have a final Stop put to the making of Paper Money, by Reason the Planters and Merchants are driven into Trade and Navigation.