

The Settling of Nova Scotia will in a few Years render the present Inhabitants industrious and useful, whereby it may be justly accounted a most valuable Acquisition, which will be the more considerable, as the Conditions of its Settlement may be so advantageously calculated as to fill it without draining our Mother-Country of its Inhabitants. For this Purpose I have described the Soil, Quality, and Manner of improving the several Parts of it from my own Observation, whereby it will appear how easily it may be effected at a very small Charge, compared with the Benefits that will naturally result from it.—But if they were doubtful, yet the Advantages the French might otherwise make of this Province, and the Want of an effectual Barrier for securing the Possession, Trade, and Fishery of the Northern Colonies against their Efforts in a future War, sufficiently demonstrate the Necessity of keeping it out of their Hands, without being diverted by the Consideration of the Expence, and this is the more obvious, and important, as they will always be exposed to
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