

brought upon them by the increase of their numbers. Their present branches of trade will, after a few years, be insufficient to support the inhabitants, who multiply in an amazing degree; and when insufficient for that, necessity, the mother of invention, will force them to introduce others; and the extent of the country will favour the introduction of them. However, as it may prove detrimental to the present branches of trade, to leave things 'till they come to this crisis, it would be in character for the Legislature, to encourage, by proper bounties, the introduction of others, 'till they had got root sufficient to support themselves.

I go on to make some observations on the *Strength* of our colonies, by which I understand the capacity they are in, of seconding our operations against an enemy, which ought by no means to be overlooked. The greatest conquest made the last war was effected by the colony troops, I refer to the reduction of *Cape Breton*. They have also been extremely serviceable in the present, and contributed to the taking of *Louisbourg*, *Martinico*, and the *Havannah*, not to mention *Montreal*, and other places, at the back of their own settlements. I shall not say, that all the colonies have done their duty, in seconding a war began in their defence; what I mean to assert is, that without *their men*, either in the provincial or government *American* regiments, we could not have made the figure we have done in the war; for our own country hath been