

their Sugar Works, Staves for their Casks, and what is more considerable, with Barrel Pork, Mackrel, and refuse Cod-Fish for their Negroes, without which their Labour would yield nothing to their Owners. For were they to feed their Slaves with Beef and other Provisions from *Britain* and *Ireland*, the Expence of a Plantation would devour the whole Produce of it. There are now such great Quantities of Sugar made in the *French* and *Dutch* Plantations, and so much imported from *Brasil* by the *Portuguese*, that our Sugar Islands need all Advantages to make this Commodity cheap and in Plenty, that we may be able to out-do, or at least equal our Neighbours in the foreign Markets.

It may be added, that *New-England* is a good Nursery of Seamen for the Navy. I believe I may affirm, that there was hardly a Ship, during the last War, in the Royal Navy without some of their Sailors on Board, which so distress'd the *New-England* Merchants, that they were oblig'd to man their Ships with *Indians* and Negroes.

WHAT I have said amounts to this: That *New-England* receiv'd her Charters on this expresse Condition, of settling Colonies for the Benefit of the Crown:

THAT she was at a great Expence, and through incredible Difficulties accomplish'd the Work, even beyond what was ever hop'd or expected.

And then the Conclusion, that I would draw from these Premises is this: That to strip the Country of their Charters after the Success they have so successfully perform'd, is absolutely contrary to Equity and Justice.

BUT it is urg'd, That the Crown does not intend to strip them of their Charters; which indeed is false, and contrary to the Truth. The Crown, strictly speaking, hath no Right in it self. It is a Right, which is only a Patent to Sir *Walter Raleigh*, in 1584, and the *Indians*, Right, what was it, and whence deriv'd? It is deriv'd from the *Indians*, because those Countries did not belong to the Crown, nor to any other. Not of Conquest, because she never conquer'd, nor attempted to conquer them. Besides, it would be pretty hard to conceive how a