

## Re: Mars 2014 – One Way

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"Greg D. Moore \(\Strider\)" <mooregr\_deleteth1s@greenms.com> wrote:  
> "*Mike Combs*" <mikecombs@nospam.com\_chg\_nospam\_2\_ti> wrote in message  
> news:cpa86r\$jpg\$I@home.itg.ti.com...  
>> > *The Jamestown Colony in Viginia also required alot of support from the*  
>> > *mother country, even they didn't produce everything they needed.*  
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>> *But the difference is that Jamestown was able to export things to Europe*  
>> *which the people there were willing to pay for. What is the export for*  
>> *Mars that will balance the trade with Earth?*  
>  
> *A recent PBS special, "Colonial House" (I think) made this point very clear.*  
> *Early colonies were business adventures.*  
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> *Colonies were expected to make a profit.*

Somewhere in my library I have book (a reprint actually) from the early 1900's and published in the UK that drives this point home forcefully. It essentially lays out the economic justification for the Empire. Fascinating reading.

It's main point seemed to be warning against the 'showplace' colonies that Germany and Japan were starting to eye about then, as well as the horrors that colonial exploitation created in Spain. (Massey, in "Dreadnought" also adresses the issues and tensions caused by 'showplace' colonization.)

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Touch-twice life. Eat. Drink. Laugh.  
-Resolved: To be more temperate in my postings.  
Oct 5th, 2004 JDL