

OBSERVATIONS

Upon a PAPER, intituled,

“ *Some Considerations on the Importation
“ and Exportation of Beaver; with
“ Remarks on the Hatters Case.*”

THE Author of the said Paper asserts, “ That the *North American Colonies*, not being under the same Restraint “ as the *Hudson's-Bay Company*, either manufacture “ the Beaver there themselves, or otherwise dispose “ thereof, as they find it most for their Interest, notwithstanding “ any Law to the contrary:” From whence he concludes, “ That “ nothing but the Profit to arise from Beaver in *England*, will “ induce them to bring it hither.”

How much the said Colonies are obliged to the Author for this candid Insinuation, That they carry on a clandestine illicit Trade, to the Prejudice of their Mother-Country, is left to them to determine; and whether, if any such Trade is carried on by the said Colonies, some further Means of preventing it, than what are provided by the Act of the 8th *Geo. the First*, Cap. 15. may not be well worthy the Attention of Parliament, must likewise be submitted: But why so much greater a Profit should now be necessary to induce the Northern Colonies to send their Beaver to *England*, than was formerly necessary for that Purpose, as it is notorious they have constantly exported it, when at a much lower Price than what is now even desired by the Manufacturers here, the Author would do well to explain.

“ That of the Beaver imported into *England*” (from *Hudson's-Bay*) “ considerable Part has always been exported,” will be admitted; but the Author has forgot to inform his Readers, that of the Beaver imported from *New York*, and the other Northern Colonies, very little (if any) was ever exported till within these Two Years; and that the Quantity so exported was bought up on Speculation, upon Account of the high Price it bore in the Market: From whence it may very fairly be concluded, that the Discouraging of the Exportation of Beaver can in no Degree affect the Importation from those Colonies, as they do not import it hither with a View to Exportation.

The Author has likewise forgot to mention another very material Circumstance in the present Question; namely, That, since the Northern Colonies have found out the Art of manufacturing their