

what they do want, and cannot obtain otherwise ; not to dwell upon the great national Advantage of its being unmanufactured, and thereby affording Employment to the various Artificers, who prepare it for Use.

These Circumstances were too striking not to be immediately perceived ; but their Effect was circumscribed in such a Manner by the very Means injudiciously taken to improve and extend it, that what would have been a most important Advantage to the whole Nation, was, by the Grant of *an exclusive Charter*, confined to a few Individuals, who actuated by the most selfish, sordid, and short-sighted Policy, or rather Cunning, restrained, instead of extending that Commerce, for Fear of its becoming an Object of publick Consideration, and the *Monopoly* of it taken from them, should the (*comparatively immense*) Profits which it might produce, be known ; and thereby with the grossest Dishonesty defeated intentionally, the express End for which such Charter had been originally granted, on the most plausible Pretences, and strongest Assurance to the contrary, and was still from Inattention, or Misrepresentation, suffered to remain with them.

This will be best explained, and proved by the following List, and Estimate of the several Articles exported from *England* to, and imported into *England* from this Settlement, which are drawn with the utmost Exactness, and from the best Authority.

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