

from the preceding reasons and statements seems to be, that the terms, upon which our colonial intercourse is now settled, are more profitable, than any which have before existed; and more profitable, than any the Americans can now offer. Brief and unfavourable as the time, since the present system was instituted, has been, the results produced are all that was desired, and more than expected. The prospect for the future offers every inducement to persevere, and gives further assurances of constancy and permanence to a policy, which above any other seems most adapted to secure the wealth, the affection, and integrity, of all provinces in the British empire.

The question has been here treated as one purely of economy, and the arguments limited to a strict deduction from facts; the larger views of general policy being left to those, whose ability to judge is greater, and whose judgment more important. And however bestowed the labour of compiling these statistics, its motive has been more derived from feeling than interest, and more from conviction than either. It is for government to decide, and for good subjects to obey, and endeavour to make the best of whatever may be the result.