

the miserable Loyalists, from the persecutions of their conquerors.

But it is not in America that we are to look for the traces either of your beneficence, or your wisdom. It is to the West Indies we are to turn our eyes, if we desire to see the miracles of the Earl of Shelburne's hand. There, unlike to every other part of the treaty, Britain appears to receive, and France to concede. An ostentatious recital of captured islands restored—an enumeration which is so minute as to stoop even to rocks in its detail, imposes on the ear, and dazzles the judgment. Nor am I unwilling to allow, that the islands restored by France are of very essential consequence to the commerce and welfare of the State. Grenada is, perhaps, worth near a million sterling annually to this country. Dominique, contains the most important and valuable harbour in the West Indies. The Court of Versailles may, indeed, consistent with the most cautious policy, and the most discerning sagacity, restore to England all the islands she had taken, since she well knows that we can in future only hold them by the most frail