

Secondly, To encourage the most extensive Vent of our Home Manufactures and Plantation Products, as well in British Dominions as in Foreign Countries.

THESE are Points that every Englishman must admit are worthy the most serious Consideration, as it is certain, That the cheaper we raise and make our own Productions and Manufactures, and the easier we get them to the Consumers at Home and Abroad, the more we shall vend; and that our American Plantations, Commerce and Manufactures, and consequently the National Ballance and Maritime Power of this Kingdom, will increase and grow in Proportion to the Increase of such a Vent or Consumption; and at the same Time it will employ a proportionable Number of our poor People, that may otherwise beg in the Streets or rob on the Highways, or remain a Charge on their respective Parishes.

IT is well known that Trade is the chief Source of Wealth and Power, and that those Governments that embrace it with Chearfulness, and give it the most Encouragement, will have the best Share of it; for it will not flourish in any Country where it meets with Coldness and Neglect. Wherefore it is to be hoped that what is contain'd in this Treatise will answer the Design of it, by inspiring our Councils with generous Resolutions to succour and preserve our Trade and Plantations, so as to support the Reputation of this Nation, and thereby obstruct the long studied Endeavours of the most restless and ambitious Nation in Europe, and the most powerful of our Neighbours, who have nothing so much in View as to wrest from us some of our most valuable Branches of Commerce and Colonies; and, in consequence, to gain the Empire of the Seas and establish Universal Monarchy.

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