

# COLONIAL POLICY

OF THE

## BRITISH EMPIRE.

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#### SECTION I.

THE Colonies of England are so varied in their nature, so distributed in their position, so vast in their extent, so diversified in their products, and so anomalous in their population, that it is very difficult to frame a classified view of them in any other manner