C. Proposals to ease the Duty of Excise on Spirits extracted from Molasses of the Growth or Produce of the British Plantations; and to abolish the Duty of 4 ½ per Cent. paid in Barbados and the Leeward Islands.

D. Proposals for removing all the unnecessary Obstructions and Restrictions that lie on Sugar and Rum, of the Growth of the British Sugar Islands in America; which may be done without any Expence to the Publick, and without Prejudice to any Body except our Rivals in Trade.

E. Proposals for preventing the Consumption of foreign Sugar, Rum, Molasses and Brandy, in any

of bis Majesty's British Dominions.

In regard to the fourth Article of Proposals, to ease the Manufacturers of this Kingdom of burthensome Taxes, by raising a new Fund, * it may be alledg'd that the Exigencies of the Government cannot at present admit of easing Taxes and granting all these Aids and Bounties, however necessary it may appear to be for the Security and Preservation of our Trade and Plantations; and as Works that require great Applications are little agreeable to the Humour and natural Disposition of many, so it can't be expected that they can be propos'd and All executed at the same Time.

HOWEVER, it seems necessary at this critical Juncture, to propose something that may be put in Execution as Opportunity offers, or as the Necessity of State may require; and as there are many of the present Taxes, besides what is already mention'd, that lie very heavy on the Manusacturers and landed Interest of this Kingdom, there is nothing that seems more eligible to answer all these Purposes, and many more, than a general Fund to be rais'd according to the following Scheme, viz.

The SCHEME,

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