CANADIAN BEVIEW

AND

MAGAZINE.

Vol. III.

SEPTEMBER, 1826.

No. V.

- Reflections upon the value of the British West India Colonies, and of the British North American Provinces, to the Mether Country. Egerton. London, 1826. pp. 39.
- Observations upon the importance of the North American Colonies to Great Britain. By an Old Inhabitant of British North America, (Mr. Haleburton,) Halifax, 1825.

There has lately sprung upon Great Britain a class of political economists, who have strongously endeavoured to set up a doctrine, the very reverse of those ideas we have been taught to cherish, respecting the value to England of her Colonial possessions. Those Colonies and provinces which have been obtained and maintained, at a vast expense of life and treasure, which are considered the glory, and, by successive legislators and ministers, have been looked to as an abundant source of wealth to the Mother Country, are by these newfangled theorists decried, as so many clogs to the prosperity, which, say they, she would enjoy, if relieved from such expensive and cumbersome appendages; and they further contend, that the Colonies would themselves thrive at least as well if the tye were severed which binds them to the parent state, which would still enjoy the advantage she now possesses, from supplying the colonists with such of her manufactures as their wants required, and receiving their produce in return; and that, consequently, an equal quantity of British shipping, and the same number of British seamen would be employed in this exchange of commodities, whilst the expense providing for their defence, in time of war, and of contributing to support their