

in Europe and in America: And if the Colonies, under any future state of administration, which they see unequal to the management of their affairs, *once come to feel their own strength in this way*; their independence on government, at least on the administration of government, will not be an event so remote as our leaders may think; which yet nothing but such false policy can bring on. For, on the contrary, put their governments and laws on a true and constitutional basis; regulate their money, their revenue, and their trade; and do not check their settlements;—they must ever depend on the trade of the mother country for their supplies—they will never establish manufactures—their hands being elsewhere employed, and the merchants being always able to import such, on* terms that must ruin the manufacturer.

* This is a fact too well known and understood to need any particular proof—but if need were, the writer of these papers could demonstrate this from the prices of wool, hemp, and flax, and the labour of carding, dressing, spinning, weaving, &c. in North America; compared with the prices of the same articles of produce and labour in Britain. It is therefore an idle vaunt in the Americans, when they talk of setting up manufactures *for trade*; but it would be equally injudicious in government here to force any measure that may render the manufacturing for *home consumption* an object of prudence, or even of pique in the Americans. And yet after all, should any thing of this sort extend itself
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