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# REFLECTIONS

ON THE

RISE AND PROGRESS

OF THE

AMERICAN REBELLION.

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**T**HE politic, like the natural body, is liable to disorders, which often terminate in death. To know the cause of the disease in either system, is necessary to a radical cure.

The American rebellion is an event which has struck deep into the health of the British state, enfeebled its powers, and may bring on convulsions, the consequences of which are not within the reach of human foresight. Therefore it will be of importance, to be truly informed of the origin of that rebellion; and to be able to trace it from the original spark up to its present flame. It is from this knowledge, that a part of the means may be drawn for its immediate suppression; and from this alone can that system of future polity be formed, which can effect a permanent union between the two countries.

There are men in high stations, who have industriously promoted an opinion, that this "portentous event" has been produced by the injustice and oppression of the present reign,—by a plan formed for