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It has been likewise asserted, that every Shilling, which our Colonies can raise either by Cultivation or Commerce, finally centers in this Country; and therefore it is argued, we can acquire nothing by their Taxation, since we can have no more than their All; and whether this comes in by Taxes or by Trade, the Consequence is the same. But allowing this Assertion to be true, which it is not, yet the Reasoning upon it is glaringly false: for surely it is not the same, whether the Wealth derived from these Colonies flows immediately into the Coffers of the Public, or into the Pockets of Individuals, from whence it must be squeezed by various domestic Taxes before it can be rendered of any Service to the Nation: Surely it is by
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