

ON COLONIAL POLICY.

ENGLAND at last acknowledges that she is treating her Colonies scurvily, denying them the right which she has warmly asserted for herself at home. I fear it is not so much *allayed*, as *awakened* selfishness, that makes her now as eager to retrieve as she has hitherto been to maintain her dog-in-the-manger policy. Her language lately was—"Colonies! what are they but dependencies for the convenience of England? Colonists! what, but men who either can't get on at home, or whom we find it unsafe or inconvenient to keep?" She now sees that it will be still better for her to make these dependencies something more than conveniences; to provide them, at least, with institutions so congenial with English notions, that they may become rather self-attractive than compulsory depositories; and that something short of starvation or crime may lead our countrymen to them. She perceives that colonies which are allowed to act for themselves, pay for themselves—a maxim which her Colonial Ministers have been reversing, offering