

their Successors : The Grievance was left to rankle in the Minds of the People ; and now that the Stamp Act is repealed without excepting the Clause above-mentioned, the intended Alteration is defeated, and every Matter, however trifling or however tedious, which can possibly arise from one Extremity of the Continent to the other, out of any of the Acts of Trade, or the whole Body of the Custom-house Laws, may be carried at the Will of the Prosecutor to *Halifax* : All therefore that the last Ministers did with Respect to the Admiralty-Courts, so far as the mercantile People may be affected by them, was to frustrate the Relief which had been held out, and to revive the Inconveniences which the former Administration had endeavoured to remove.

In this then which has been called so important an Object, the present Year is far from being marked with favour to the Colonies : With Respect to their other commercial Interests, whether peculiar to themselves, or common to them and to their Mother-Country, many Proofs have been already adduced to shew, how much more liberally and more effectually they were consulted in the preceding Years : And it must further be acknowledged that the Trade of the Colonies will suffer greatly by the total Prohibition of their Intercourse with *Ireland* : For by an Act of the last Sessions it is provided, that on taking any non-enumerated Goods on board, Bond shall be given in the same Manner as for the enumerated Commodities, not to land the same in any Part of *Europe* to the Northward of *Cape Finisterre*, except in *Great Britain*. *Ireland* is not within that Description, and great Quantities of Corn used to be annually imported into that Kingdom from the Plantations ; the Linen Manufactories there almost depend upon the Supply of Flax Seed which they procured from the Colonies ; the Consumption of Pipe Staves, and other Articles of *American* Produce was very large : The Trade was necessary to *Ireland*, and of the utmost Importance to the Colonies, who there found an extensive Vent for their Commodities, and thereby made Returns for their Demand of *British* Manufactures : And the Loss therefore which in Consequence of this Interruption they sustain, will be a heavy Ballance against any Advantages which may have been given to them.

And if upon the whole Account the last Ministers have not equal Merit with the former, even in Regard to the Commerce