

COLONIAL INTERCOURSE.

No. I.

THE commercial intercourse between the United States and British Colonies in America is, it seems, again become the subject of negotiation. It was hoped, and believed, that this question had, by the act of 1825*, and the order in council, which followed it in July 1826, been permanently settled; not indeed upon the best terms to be desired, but perhaps upon the best to be obtained; and in which all parties interested, the colonists in the West Indies and North America, the ship owners and British merchants, acquiesced, and have since been exerting themselves to make the most of the conditions established. For it is with the regulations of commerce, as with the rules of property, scarcely of more consequence that the law be wise, than that it be certain and permanent.

Such a state of things however has been by no

* Stat. 6 Geo. IV, cap. 73.