

Great Britain and the Northern Powers move in very different spheres. She has an intercourse and interest with her colonies and other distant possessions in which foreign nations cannot participate. She does not stand on equal terms with those Powers who have no possessions beyond their own territories. They may profit by a free trade, as they would certainly do in the present instance, while Great Britain and her Colonies would suffer severely. The Colonial relation may be compared to that which subsists between parent and child, which has sanctioned in all ages for mutual protection, a partial or an exclusive reciprocity, containing a principle, and producing a practice by no means in conformity with this new system of universal community.

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