

received a currency, will be afterwards tendered to us as sterling coin. By virtue of this heathen word *colony*, the example of Roman colonies has been urged in favour of American claims; and when these have not been found perfectly favourable to independency, recourse has been had to Greek colonies, which, indeed, had little other relation to their mother-country, than a sort of cousinship, such as the Jews, in the time of the Maccabees, claimed with the Lacedemonians; claimed when they stood in need of their assistance, and perhaps was never mentioned by them either before or since. But all this parade of Greek and Roman learning comes to nothing, when we are informed that the districts in question are not properly *colonies* either in word or in deed. Their most ancient English and legal name is *plantations*, and they have always been, in fact, *provinces*, governed by a lieutenant or governor, sent by the King of Great Britain, and recalled by him at pleasure. Nor are they entitled to participate of those many

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