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OBSERVATIONS.

MANY Persons in the Mother Country, and in the Colonies also, entertain an opinion, that whenever a Colony attains a certain degree of strength and prosperity, it has a natural tendency to disengage itself from its connection with the Parent State.

It has been observed that predictions sometimes accomplish their own fulfilment, by the effect which they produce upon the minds of those whose fate they foretell—and political tenets may, in the same manner, become correct, by influencing those who entertain them to adopt a line of conduct calculated to produce the events which they deem inevitable.

A Minister, for instance, who thinks that a Colony must ultimately become independent, however just or liberal he may be, as an individual, can never bring himself, as a Minister, to view the Colonists in the same light with other subjects of the Empire. He will consider them as persons over whom he can exercise but a temporary and precarious sway; that they will not only soon cease to be subjects, but may eventually become enemies, and he will therefore feel that neither duty nor interest call upon him to adopt measures to advance their prosperity, or to increase their strength; on the contrary he may conceive it to be justifiable to cramp their exertions, and restrain their efforts, to attain wealth or
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