

*The 3d Proposition,
That it is not the Interest of the Crown to
resume the Charters if
forfeited.*

ANOTHER Proposition I advanced
was, That if these Governments should
be adjudged to have forfeited their Charters
back to the Crown, yet it is not the
true Interest of the Crown to resume
them.

It is a generally receiv'd Opinion, That the People in the Plantations have an Interest distinct from that of the Crown ; when it is suppos'd at the same Time, that the Interest of the Governours, they being the King's Representatives, is one with the Crown ; and from these Premises it is concluded, that there can't be too much Power given to the Governours, or too little to the People. Whereas, with humble Submission, I conceive this to be a very wrong Judgment, and that the Reverse of it is true. The only Interest of the People is to thrive and flourish in their Trade, which is the true Interest of the Crown and Nation, because they reap the Profit of it. When on the other Hand, the View that Governours generally have is private Gain, which being too often acquir'd by discouraging and oppressing Trade, it is not only an Interest distinct from that of the Crown, but extremely prejudicial to it. The Trade of a young Plantation is like a tender Plant, and should be cherish'd with the fondest Care ; but if instead of that, it meets with the rough Hand of Oppression, it will soon die. The proper Nursery for this Plant is a free Government, where the Laws are sacred, Property secure, and Justice not only impartially, but expeditiously distributed. For to what Purpose shall the Merchant expose his Estate to the Dangers of the Sea, the Eneniy, and many more Accidents, if after all he can't save it at Home from Rapine and Violence ?

As this is evident, so is it that whatever injures the Trade of the Plantations, must in Proportion affect *Great Britain*, the Source and Center of Commerce ; from whence they have their Manufactures, whither they make their Returns, and where all their Superlucration is lodg'd. The Blow then may strike the Colonies first, but it comes Home at last, and falls heaviest on our selves.

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