

cessary, expenditures for maintaining the military and naval defences, are amply overbalanced by the advantages derived from this connexion, whether they directly advance our commercial and political prosperity as a naval and manufacturing country, or whether they limit the maritime power of another nation whose interests are not very friendly to ours;—or lastly, but not least, whether they contribute to the prosperity of the Colonies themselves—children, or rather true and loyal consorts, of the country in whose sunshine they flourish, and in union with which they enjoy a degree of happiness far greater, and more secure, than any nominal independence can ever place within their reach.

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