

of shipping and men employed, in and by means of it, that makes it so valuable to the community. The balance of trade in favour of our *West-Indian* islands would prove at length extremely prejudicial to us, was it not, that a great part of it is sunk, by exchanging it for the balance due from the islands to the continental colonies, and for which the accounts of the latter, with the mother country, are credited; and that the other part of it which remains standing, is not discharged by bullion, sent to the *West-Indies*: but the colonist is obliged either to make purchase of it in stock, land, or the like, or to come over and enjoy it. The trade to *Africa*, which depends much upon our *West-Indian*, is indeed lucrative; but if it was less lucrative, and the shipping employed in it much more numerous, it would be more beneficial by far to the community. When the *Examiner* begs leave to repeat it, and to fix it in the reader's memory that the African trade centers in, and is supported by the *West-Indies* *, many of his readers are thereby led to conclude, that it centers wholly in, and is altogether supported by them; and he hath been careful not to prevent their making this conclusion, by mentioning the numbers of negroes that are employed in our continental colonies, particularly *Virginia* and the *Carolina's*. The mention of this would not have favoured his design, which is, not so much to shew the necessity of our *West-Indian*