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' so hard to gather Strength in *America*, surely it is the
' true Interest of the Kingdom to do so too, and to en-
' courage its Northern, as well as its Southern Colonies,
' so that they may both contribute to the Support and
' Benefit of their Mother Country. "*The Northern Co-
' lonies are a great Support to the Naval Power of Great-
' Britain, and assist, in a great Measure, in giving us a
' Superiority at Sea over all other Nations in the World: They
' supply the King's Yards with great Quantities of Masts,
' Yards and Bowsprits instead of those of foreign Growth,
' with Pitch, Tar and Turpentine, for all which immense
' Quantities of Goods are exported from Great Britain,
' which prevents five Times the Value thereof from go-
' ing out of the Kingdom in Cash to Sweden, and other
' foreign Countries.*"

All the Articles with which the *British West Indies* are
supplied, require a great Number of Artificers and la-
bouring Men to fit them for Shipping; and they are in
such Demand, as to be the most considerable Branch of
the *New-England Trade*, although the Price of every
Article is so high, as greatly to affect the Value and In-
crease of the *West-India Produce*; but if the Price of
Labour in the Northern Colonies could be reduced *fifty
per Cent.* the *West-India* Islands would receive all their
Supplies so much cheaper as to be able, in *thirty or forty
Years*, to double their Remittances, and, consequently, the
Duties paid on Importation.

By enlarging the Trade, and increasing the Number of
Inhabitants in the Northern Colonies, their Demand and
Abilities to pay for *British Goods* would be proportionable.

But the Price of the several Commodities with which
the Sugar-Colonies are supplied, and those which are re-
turned to *England*, is much higher than if the Country
was fuller of Inhabitants, the Want of which disables the
Merchant from shipping its Produce, but to his own Loss,
unless he carefully attends to such Articles as, by a Fluctu-
ation peculiar to Trade, come to a better Market at one
time than another; but were the Price of Labour re-
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