

lation of Trade and Commerce; for restraining and prohibiting what is destructive, and enlarging and increasing what is gainful and necessary.

For Example, if it can be proved that with most of those Nations in *Europe* which lye due East from any Part of this Kingdom of *Great Britain*, or to the Northward, the Ballance of Trade is against us, and hath been many Years; will it not be allowed highly reasonable to discourage such Parts or Branches of it, as are not absolutely necessary?

First I shall explain what I mean by the Ballance of Trade, then shew in some Instances wherein that Ballance is against us at present; and offer some Proposals for the discouraging those Branches of Trade with them which are most detrimental to us, and farther shew, that most of those Things which are absolutely necessary for us as a trading Nation, may be produced within our own Dominions at a less Expence than we purchase them from Foreigners, to the Increase of our own Shipping and Navigation, and the Employment of more Manufacturers in this Kingdom.

First, the Ballance of Trade may be estimated thus. Admit we take from any, or all of these Nations, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, to a greater Value than they do