

they do not pay the expenses of maintaining them. But even allowing these statements to be correct at the present day, he has shown a total ignorance of the nature of colonial possessions. For instance, Canada contains at present, nigh one million and a half of souls. She is known to double her population in 20 to 25 years; that is, by natural increase independently of all emigration. Now, although her importations from G. B. have as yet amounted only to a certain sum, which may not much exceed the cost of maintenance, yet as that cost will need to be but little increased when her population is doubled, her importations from G. B. will probably be doubled also. Yet for this natural and continual increase in the value of all young countries, Mr. Molesworth has made no allowance whatever. Another thing he has omitted in his account current. The colonies offer a most important safety valve for the redundant population of the mother country, the pressure of which redundancy she has long felt the weight of. By transferring a part to her colonies, she still retains the fealty of her subjects, who thus become consumers of her manufactures; and another thing, and perhaps the most important of all to G. B. Mr. Molesworth has omitted, viz. the trade and navigation to her colonies and her fisheries offer a powerful source of supplying the best sort of men for her navy, with-