

*First*, To give every possible encouragement to agriculture, manufactures, and commerce, as tending to increase population, which wise men, in every age, have pronounced to be the real riches of a state.

*Secondly*, To pay attention to those parts of the united kingdom, particularly in the north, that have been so long neglected, from an illiberal policy, national prejudice, or the disadvantages of their local situation; to give life to agriculture. \* and manufactures, by

\* A more partial or absurd tax was never laid than that upon coals in Scotland. All that are sent beyond a certain distance from the collieries pay a heavy duty, while those that are consumed near at hand pay nothing. This accounts, in a great degree, for the present unimproved state of most of the lands in the northern parts of that kingdom, which have abundance of limestone to manure them,