

3tio, With all this assistance, the West Indies do not contain more than than one-third of the number of inhabitants that are to be found in America. Five-sixths of these are negroes and slaves, who can be considered in no other light than so many intestine enemies, ever ready, on a tender of their freedom, to revolt to the first invader. These islands, therefore, have been, and ever must remain, a dead weight on this country, in its wars and struggles for its own sovereignty and safety. Instead of contributing their proportion of men, in arms, towards the common defence, they must always be defended by our fleets and armies, and at the expence of the blood of this country. The circumstances of America are very different. She has some negroes, but their whole number does not amount to one-fifth part of her people. She will ever, hereafter, be able to contribute her just proportion of troops in every war; and in every other respect to bear her proportionate share of the burdens necessary to the national defence. In the last war she raised, and sent into the field, upwards of 20,000 men, and assisted in conquering