

alike to them, yet it is the very same Thing to us. If they lay up Money, they come here and purchase Land ; if not, they come here and throw away that Money. It must certainly therefore be our great Interest to preserve them in such a Situation, as that they may be able to acquire Wealth, whether they hoard, or whether they dissipate it. We do them a Kindness indeed in doing this, but at the Bottom we do it for our own Sakes ; or at least this appears to be the Case, when we express an Unwillingness in what we do, and either from a Spirit of Ignorance or Ill-humour, are pleased to mistake for a Burthen, the greatest Blessing that Heaven has bestowed upon us ; that Blessing, which in the Space of a Couple of Centuries has multiplied our People, augmented our Wealth, and increased our Power almost beyond the Reach of Calculation. As this is the general Result of our Plantations in *America*, so those Plantations in general ought to be the Object of our Concern, and we should labour as much as possible to prevent any Jealousies or Uneasinesses from prevailing amongst them, or amongst us, by infusing upon all Occasions the salutary Doc-

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