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ON THE

Consequences of American
Independence.

THE Independence of America has been long since recommended, by a learned and ingenious Author*, as *beneficial to Great Britain*. The plausibility of his arguments has made some profelytes. It has even produced a motion in the House of Commons to that end. Whether the boldness; or novelty of the sentiment; has been mistaken for truth, I shall not determine. However, this is certain, that at the first view of a proposition *to dismember from a state 3,000,000 of its subjects, and the far greater part of its territory*, Reason takes the alarm, and creates in the mind strong suspicions that it cannot be

* The Dean of Gloucester.