

ply for this reason, they were richer than they now are. The expenditures for the Fleets and Armies, Government Contracts, and the Commerce which these very Prizes occasioned, threw a great quantity of money into the Country, and that was expended by those, whose poverty now obliges them to wear homespun clothing, in the purchase of Broad Cloth and other articles of British manufacture.

It may here be remarked with truth and force, that an English Colonist will ever prefer the merchandize of the Mother Country: because it is rivetted in his mind that every thing that is English is best.

But while I confidently assert that the commerce of Great-Britain would be increased by every measure that enriched the Colonies, I strenuously contend, even if that position could not be established, and it were admitted that the removal of the restrictions upon Colonial Trade would necessarily be accompanied with some loss to the Mother Country, that sound policy requires the speedy relaxation, and ultimate abandonment, of those restrictions.

I must again deprecate the idea of introducing any warm feelings of loyalty or of liberty into this question: the Colonists, like the rest of mankind, will be influenced by their interests, and should Great-Britain persist in a system which will make it more beneficial for them to separate from her, than to continue their present connexion, it cannot be doubted that they will do so, whenever a good opportunity presents itself to effect a separation.

Should such an event ever take place, Great-Britain would then lose the commercial advantages she now derives from the restrictions, as completely as if she were herself to withdraw them; but in the latter case she would only relinquish those commercial advantages, whereas in the former, she would lose her political power also; these Provinces would cease to be part of her dominions, and would not merely leave her side, but would join the United States, and add to their wealth and strength in all their subsequent contentions with Great-Britain.

It is requisite therefore that the Statesman who turns his attention to this subject, should not confine his views to commercial