

as well as denies them the Means of gratifying Luxury ; and at the same Time, by supplying them with a Foundation for that Industry to work upon, exempts them also from the Necessity of submitting to any Encroachment on their Liberty. A State, which they are known not to be yet refined enough in their Taste, to hazard, much less barter, for any Gratification whatsoever ; and consequently the *Necessity* of their Dependence for such Gratification, is merely imaginary.

I have before observed to your Lordship, that the Products of which this Country is capable, are sufficiently understood. The only Articles in which there is Room for Improvement are Hemp and Flax ; Commodities for the Production of which their Soil and Climate are peculiarly proper, and of which it is impossible for us to raise too much, even for our own Consumption.

The Advantages which must *necessarily* arise from our having a sufficient Supply of these most essential Articles offer themselves to View, at the first Mention of it ; nor can the Interest of any Set of Individuals engaged in that Channel of Trade by which they are at present supplied, deserve to be put, but for a single Moment, in Competition with that of the Nation in General, so nearly concerned in having this Trade brought home thus to ourselves.

*I have the Honour, &c.*

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