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intelligent. — The truth is, we want little of her produce in Great Britain, coarse tobacco excepted. The finest tobacco grows in the islands, and in South America. The indigo of the islands and of South America is, infinitely better than that of North America, but we must take that and naval stores, and other articles from the American States which may be got as good or better elsewhere, in return for our manufactures instead of money. In payment, for want of other sufficient returns, large quantities of tobacco must come to Great Britain, and we can afford to give the best price for it, by taking it in exchange for our manufactures. The other principal advantage we derived from the tobacco trade was the employment of our shipping and sailors; we manufactured little for exportation, we sorted it only for the European markets, and we may still have the carriage of much of it from hence to those markets. We shall have transports and seamen in plenty unemployed, to carry our manufactures to America, and to carry on the trade of the West Indies, and so far from giving up any of the carrying trade, we should exert ourselves to prevent our unemployed seamen from passing over to the Americans.

Instead of exaggerating the loss suffered by the dismemberment of the empire, our thoughts may be employed to more advantage in considering what our situation really is, and the greatest advantage that can be derived from it. It will be found better than we expect, nor is the independence of the American States, notwithstanding their connection with France, likely to interfere with us so essentially as has been apprehended, except as to the carrying trade, the nursery for seamen. The carriage of our produce is nothing in comparison with that of America; a few tobacco ships will carry back as much of our manufactures as all the American States will consume. We must therefore retain the carrying trade wherever we possibly can. — But the demand for our manufactures will continually increase with the population of America. Those who have been disposed to despond may comfort themselves with the prospect, that if the American States should hereafter be able to manufacture for themselves, as the consumption of the manufactures of England decreases with them, the demand will increase elsewhere; they will for ages go up the Mississippi & and river

§ Half the Mississippi has been reserved to us by the provisional treaty with the American States; but the right to the half where the country on both sides belongs to Spain, is not mentioned in the treaty with the latter. If we had kept the Floridas, Britain would have been the most necessary ally to Spain. Canada and Nova Scotia on the back, and the Floridas in the front, would awe and keep down the enterprizes of the American States against New Spain. The Indians, who are powerful towards the Flori-
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