

*Batavia* look like the Capital of a great and mighty Empire. But do the States of *Holland* look on this their prosperous Condition with envious or jealous Eyes? Just the Reverse; they do every Thing in their Power still to promote and advance it, well knowing their foreign Plantations can't thrive, but they must receive the Benefit of it themselves, and therefore justly esteem the Wealth of their Subjects abroad as their own Riches. Why then should not *Great Britain* form the same Judgment, and proceed by the like Measures in Regard to her *American* Dominions, from whence she receives the greatest Advantages? It were no difficult Task to prove that *London* has risen out of the Plantations, and not out of *England*. 'Tis to them we owe our vast Fleets of Merchant Ships, and consequently the Increase of our Seamen, and Improvement of our Navigation. 'Tis their Tobacco, Sugar, Fish, Oil, Logwood, and other Commodities, which have enabled us to support our Trade in *Europe*, to bring the Ballance of some Countries in our Favour, which would otherwise be against us, and to make the Figure we do at present, and have done for near a Century past, in all Parts of the commercial World.

THE Mother Kingdom must therefore needs rejoice in the Prosperity of every one of her Colonies, because it is her own Prosperity. The Fable of the Belly and Members illustrates this Argument. It would be unreasonable for the Belly to grudge the Labour of digesting the Food, and dispersing the Blood and Juices to the extream Parts, seeing they return purify'd and exalted in the Circulation. There's a close Analogy between the Natural Body and the Body Politick; as in the one, a Finger can't ake, but the Whole feels it, so in the other, the remotest Plantation can't decay, but the Nation must suffer with it.

If it be said that the Charter Colonies are not so valuable as some of the rest, I answer, that the Inhabitants have the more Need of their Charters to make them amends; for People must have some Encouragement to sit down on a cold and barren Soil. Yet I have shewn before, that they are many Ways of great Use and