

wants in capital, he must make up in credit; that unless there are others who possess large capitals, this credit cannot be had, and that in the diminution of the general capital of the State, commerce will decline, and his own prospects of profit will diminish.

These arguments, if they were understood, would be conclusive with the Mechanic :---" There is already  
 " employment enough for all the workmen in the  
 " city, and wages are sufficiently high. If you could  
 " raise them by expelling those who have remained  
 " in the city, and whom you consider as rivals, the  
 " extravagant price of wages would have too effects;  
 " it would draw persons to settle here, not only from  
 " other parts of this State, but from the neighbouring  
 " States :---Those classes of the community who are  
 " to employ you, will make a great many shifts rather  
 " than pay the exorbitant prices you demand; a man  
 " will wear his old cloaths so much longer before he  
 " gets a new suit; he will buy imported shoes cheap,  
 " rather than those made here at so dear a rate :---  
 " The owner of a house will defer the repairs as long  
 " as possible; he will only have those which are ab-  
 " solutely necessary made; he will not attend to  
 " elegant improvement, and the like will happen in  
 " other branches. These circumstances will give  
 " you less employment, and in a very little time bring  
 " back your wages to what they now are, and even  
 " sink them lower. But this is not all: You are not  
 " required merely to expel your rival Mechanics, but  
 " you must drive away the rich merchants and others  
 " who are called Tories, to please your leaders, who  
 " will persuade you they are dangerous to your liber-  
 " ty (though in fact they only mean their own conse-  
 " quence.) By this conduct you will drive away the  
 " principal part of those who have the means of  
 " becoming large undertakers. The Carpenters and  
 " Masons in particular, must be content with patch-  
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