

the whole richer, happier, and more powerful by that conquest.

But before we come to any application of our preliminary remarks, which will not be found irrelevant to the principal object of these pages, let us pave the way by a few more introductory observations.

The most sagacious writers, and indeed all the commercial parts of human society, (which is nearly the whole of the civilized world in a greater or less degree,) have determined, that trade is the most beneficial thing that can be encouraged in a country capable of it: and it has been justly laid down as a maxim, that where there is an extensive and well regulated trade, under the auspices of *equally well regulated laws*, a province continually increases in resources and in wealth; and, that the wealth and resources of a province decline in exact proportion