communicating freedom to aliens, who by living there a
certain time, under certain regulations and limitations,
become in effect natural born fubjects of *Great Britain*.

With refpect to the iflands of St. *Vincent* and *Dominica*,
to mention no others at prefent, upon careful confideration
of their ftate preceding and fubfequent to the late war, it
appears clearly to the author that they are now of right
parcel of the dominion of the crown of *Great Britain*;
that the Kings minifters having miftaken the right whereby
his Majefty holds the fame, they have grafted the power
of taxation by prerogative royal upon their own error; that
their plea of conqueft will by no means warrant, although
it may in fome meafure palliate their proceeding, which
for the fake of his Majefty's honour, and the welfare of
his fubjects, who, with their eftates, would be in fuch a
precarious and defpicable condition in cafe thefe iflands
were held by this new tenure, and for the common good
and right of the whole empire, whofe entirety ought ever
to be preferved, is fubmited to the farther confideration of
thofe to whom it belongs. In point of example no man
can foretel where this dangerous and injurious proceeding, if
not reverfed, will end. *Jamaica* was conquered by *Crom-
well*, who after runing his fword through *Magna Charta*
ftiled himfelf the invincible Lord Protector of *England*.
But, as the *Gallic Polybius* and Mr. *Locke*, of immortal
memory, have informed us what it is to take the fubjects
property without their confent, fo one of the ableft lawyers
that have appeared in *Weftminfter* Hall, and fat in the
Houfe of Lords, gave his opinion, as the author hath been
well informed, to this effect, that although this ifland was
gained by the fword, they who fhould rule their fellow-
fubjects fettled there by the fword ought to fuffer under the
ax. We have already feen the fword unfheathed without
warrant by law or conftitution, and the doctrine of the
fword advanced with impunity; and all the fubjects in the
Britifh empire having one common right, it behoves us to

prevent