

on, that makes it beneficial to the community. A losing trade to individuals, may on this account be so beneficial to the public, as to make it a matter of prudence for the state to give an equivalent in bounties for such loss, that so it may continue to be carried on.

Colonies should be traded with as much as possible, and should be encouraged to grow those articles, for which the mother country is obliged to go to another state; and it is to the advantage of the mother country, to promote the growth of them by large bounties, rather than pay cash for them to foreigners. The bodies and estates of the colonists are as much the riches of our country, as tho' comprehended within the same territory; and methods may be fallen upon, to make them as useful to the community, as the inhabitants of two different counties. Hence it follows, that bounties given to the colonies are of no disservice to us. The bounty returns tho' in another shape; and there's a saving to the nation by the growth of the goods encouraged by the bounty. To explain this point, let us suppose, that fifty thousand pounds were given away in encouraging the growth of a hundred thousand pounds worth of hemp; such hemp would stand us in a 150,000 l. but then the 100,000 l. that we must have paid for it in cash, had we purchased it in *Russia*, would remain in our hands; and 'twould be strange if the materials of the goods, with which we should pay the 150,000 l. were worth any thing like two thirds of the sum: but then.

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