

A total stagnation of commerce would affect *Great Britain*, in much the same manner, that it would affect her colonies, or any other commercial people; that is, it would rob her of her subsistence. But a partial stagnation could not affect her in the same manner that a total stagnation would affect us: Now, the non-importation in question, while it would cause a total stagnation of our commerce, would produce no more than a partial stagnation of hers; and consequently would not place her in a situation so distressing, as it would place us. Her trade is not confined to her American Colonies. She has ships and factories in every quarter of the globe; and the treasures of the East and West are perpetually flowing in upon her. She receives no necessary or useful articles from these colonies, but what she formerly received, and may at any time be supplied with, from foreign nations. Her manufactures that are consumed in the Colonies, she can shortly find ways to dispose of at other markets.

There is one branch of this hopeful project, that will contribute immediately and directly to the advantage of *Great Britain*, almost in the same proportion that it will distress ourselves. The Reader scarcely needs to be told, that what is here meant, is the stopping all intercourse and communication between the Colonies and the *West-Indies*. As soon as this takes place, the markets of Great Britain will be supplied, not only with the quantity of goods from the *West-Indies* which they have formerly received, but with the addition of all that is now consumed in the American Colonies. The British merchants will likewise have the advantage of supplying the Islands with many articles, which at present are not scored in any of their invoices.

The *West-Indians* themselves indeed may be somewhat injured and disconcerted at first, by the execution of this part of the plan; but far less, than seems to be generally expected and intended by us. The Island of *Jamaica* can supply her Planters with all kinds of provisions, but butter and flour; and with all the lumber that may be required, for a hundred years to come, excepting staves and heading for their *Rum Puncheons*. These she has often received from *Hamburg*, from whence she might receive them again. But there will be no occasion for sending so far. *Canada* and *Nova-Scotia* can supply her, and all the other islands with these articles, as well as with flour, in any quantity that may be ordered; to say nothing of *Georgia* and the two *Floridas*, which abound in common lumber, at the service of the *Windward*, *Leward*, and *Caribbean* Islands. So that after the first year, new channels may be opened, plans formed,