

cure the said Ballance, nor ever can, because the Ballance of Power will inevitably fall into the Hands of him who becomes possessed of the Continent of North-America, and to whom all the Sugar-islands must fall of Course, because they can't subsist without the said Continent.

The Spanish, Portuguese, and Dutch Settlements, and in short all America, must soon follow the same Fate; and the Trade and Treasure from thence will impower him to hold the said Ballance, and consequently enable him to prescribe Laws to all the Princes of Europe. Therefore, it may be clearly conceived, That the Ballance of Power is really in America, and not in Europe, as those Gentlemen have so weakly imagined.

If this Scheme is well conducted, the above Sum is all the Money that will be wanted, because the French may be drove out of all the Continent of America in Six or Eight Months at farthest: But, if we go on paying Subsidies in the supine manner we now do, and let the French take our Colonies, our Subsidies must not only be augmented Year after Year, but continued 'till we have not a Shilling left.

It requires no great Degree of Judgment to comprehend, that on the Security and Prosperity of our said Colonies and Islands depends the chief Trade of this Nation, nay, it may be truly said all the Trade we get any Thing by. The innumerable Quantities of Goods, which are annually exported into those Colonies and Islands from hence, to the Amount of some Millions Sterling, and the great Number of Shipping and Hands employed in the Exportation of them, make up the most considerable Part of our present Trading Interest; and, by manufacturing the Materials for that particular Commerce, what Numbers, nay Families, are wholly supported in this Kingdom! It is from our Trade to our Colonies and Islands that we are supplied with Nine Parts in Ten of all the Cash that comes into this Nation, most of the Returns from thence being in Silver, or such Effects as we must absolutely buy with Ready Money from Foreign Nations; and a very considerable Part of the Commodities, imported from our said Colonies and Islands, are re-exported and bar-
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