

country that Canada should be set free, in which case she would take more of our manufactures, besides saving the expense. The more free countries there are in the world, the more must British commerce flourish. When the colonies are free, Britain will still command their trade, by which alone she can be benefited."

Although this opinion points to the same end, as that which I have formerly expressed, it proceeds on a different principle. Mr. Hume considers the giving independence to colonies in the light of getting rid of a burthen, but I look on it, in that of acquiring additional strength, power, and advantage, by means of the strict connection, firm alliance, and mutual favourable privileges, which the empire, and its numerous sovereignties abroad, would entertain with, and from, each other. Amongst the essential stipulations under which such declarations of independence should be made, a prominent one would be that of perpetual defensive alliance between the parties; and in that case, the consequence Mr. Hume considered so important, namely, that of England being relieved from the necessity of defending Canada in any future war with America, would not follow. I am, however, glad to see this speculative opinion broached in parliament. Since, on all hands, it is agreed that the time will come, when a separation must take place, let it be looked to long before, and considered in all its bearings, so that it may be accomplished in such a way, as will secure and augment the honour, the glory, the advantage, and the prosperity, of the proud and noble country of which I say with the poet,

"England, with all thy faults, I love thee still."

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The subject of the general hospital, as also the communication of a law-student, are unavoidably postponed.

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