

The stamp of this maxim is impressed on every part of the treaty*. The resolution, however it came to prevail, that we ought not to extend our trade, or our empire in the West-Indies †. This very groundless opinion (concerning Canada and our continental colonies) was the true source of our neglect, in the late negotiation, of such real commercial advantages, as might augment the resources of Great Britain ‡. The curious reader will possibly be desirous of knowing who the *Examiner* is; I must own myself wholly incapable of giving him the proper information; but if I was to conjecture should imagine, either he or his employer is personally interested in *Gua daloupe's* remaining to *England*, and is better acquainted with the trade of that island than of our own.

I would now congratulate my country upon the preliminaries of peace, was it not unfashionable, and would it not make me suspected of favouring the present ministry, after having been employed in defending our great Commoner, and of being a *Scot* under covert. However, to shew that I am a true *Englishman*, and am not afraid of speaking my mind, I heartily congratulate them upon this occasion, and to justify myself in this singularity, I will assign some reasons for it.

When I look back to the year 1757, and consider what was then our situation, I am amazed and thankful, that our dominions will at a peace be so enlarged and secured, and such a wide door

* Page 11. † Page 13. ‡ Page 69.