

strated, to be far superior in value to every thing we should have acquired by that treaty*.

The *Examiner* is mightily for arguing from *facts*. 'Though I shall not confine myself wholly to this method, I shall attempt doing it, so far as to verify his own words, viz. *A dispassionate reader, when furnished with the proper facts, may form a system for himself. By his temper he may counteract the passions, and supply the deficiencies of his author; and whilst he is enabled to correct his mistakes, he will sometimes deduce from his facts a chain of consequences, which may possibly have escaped the writer, who originally furnished him with the materials of speculation*†.

Let us for a while range our thoughts under the following heads, **TRADE** in general, our **WEST-INDIAN** in particular, our **CONTINENTAL COLONIES**, **CANADA**, **GUADALOUPE**.

A mistake in the foundation, runs through the whole superstructure; and if the first principles are not right, the inferences, tho' drawn ever so fairly, will prove inconclusive. It is of consequence then, that, in treating of any particular branches of commerce, we should have just conceptions of **TRADE** in general.

Trade, as a mean, is the chief support of our independency. *Great-Britain* is situated near a nation, whose ambition, if seconded by a sufficient power, would soon prove fatal to our religion and

* See p. 17, 56, 67. † P. 7.