

but partially, if at all affecting the English trader, will very well deserve the attention of the British legislature.

By a liberal grant the question of right is inapplicable and at an end. It is the wish of Ireland to remain firmly united to the cause, and in the interests of Great Britain; and the emulation between the two Parliaments will only be, Which, by encouragements and rewards, can most effectually promote the true ends of commerce. To be rivals in industry is more congenial to the temper and high spirit of both nations, and more beneficial to the constitution and security of the empire, than to blot the page of history with examples of rebellious outrage and avenging punishment.

The advantages which must result from a liberal grant, whatever is the event of this war, or whatever relation America shall hereafter bear to these islands, will amply reward you for the generosity of your gift.

If America accedes to our proposals, she will again be our friend, and we shall have no reason to dread the alienation or wilful transfer of her commerce to other countries. If she should force herself into independence, and separate herself from us with inveteracy and a fixed hate, what an alluring object will be held out to her from the ports of Ireland as well as Great Britain; from the produce and materials for traffic, enlarged and improved by the co-operating industry and talents of the two nations, ready to be poured forth into her bosom at a price much below that of other markets.

Their inveteracy will yield to interest, and the apprehensions which were entertained of a fatal check to our commerce, will be changed into the fullest