

COMPRESSED VIEW, &c.

As the period approaches, when conferences are to be held to adjust the differences between Great Britain and the United States of America, the attention is naturally called to the objects which will offer themselves for discussion. The principal point is generally supposed to be our maritime rights; but to suffer these even to be discussed would be a dereliction of duty, in any negotiator who might attempt, or any minister who might sanction it. No infringement, abatement, or qualification can be admitted. But there are various other objects, concerning which this negotiation will give us an opportunity of treating; and which, though latent and little regarded by the public at large, are seriously felt, as of the utmost moment, by the few who have had opportunities of appreciating their importance. At this juncture, therefore, and previous to the appointed meeting of plenipotentiaries, it is desirable to instil into the public mind, widely to circulate, and warmly to impress, the truths, that it will be the object of the following pages to maintain, and which, it is hoped, will not escape the penetration, or appear insignificant in the eyes, of those who may be entrusted with the interests of the empire on this momentous occasion.

To "ships, colonies, and commerce," no one will deny, that the inhabitants of the British islands owe their wealth and prosperity, the government its preponderance and stability, and the imperial crown its lustre. Whatever, therefore, tends to augment the num-

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