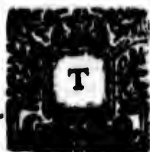




## INTRODUCTION.



H A T the *British* Colonies in *America* are of the greatest Importance to their Mother Country, will not be disputed by those who have the least Knowledge of the Intercourse and Traffick that is carried on between them.

What a vast Increase they add to the Manufactures of this Kingdom, may easily be judged from the Multitude of Ships annually freighted here with *English* Commodities to be expended and consumed in our Plantations. This is a Source of Wealth to this Nation, that is so far from any Danger of being exhausted by its Continuance, that its Basis will be enlarged by Time, and its Foundation strengthened by its Growth in Years; it's a Mine which, the more we labour in it, the richer we shall find it. 'Tis a Fountain whose Golden Streams not only enrich our Merchants, but gives Livelihood and Subsistence to a Multitude of industrious Hands, who perhaps would be begging their Bread, or worse employed, in the Want of it. 'Tis a Jewel in the Crown which makes it shine with the most magnificent Lustre; and by the vast Addition it brings to the Revenue, enables our Government to support itself with Dignity, and defend its Rights and Liberties against all the Attacks of the Enemies and Enviars of its Glory and Happiness.

T H E *French* are so sensible of the glorious Advantages accruing to *Great Britain* from her Northern Settlements, that they have left no Stone unturned, no Means untry'd, to deprive her of them. They feel a sensible Check given to their aspiring Views,