

of Government, in their religious Rites, in their Emulation of Trade, and consequently in their Affections, that they can never be suppos'd to unite in so dangerous an Enterprize. It is for this Reason I have often wondered to hear some great Men profess their Belief of the Feasibleness of it, and the Probability of its some Time or other actually coming to pass, who yet with the same Breath advise, that all the Governments on the Continent be form'd into one, by being brought under one Vice-Roy, and into one Assembly. For surely if we in Earnest believ'd that there was or would be hereafter, a Disposition in the Provinces to rebel, and declare themselves independent, it would be good Policy to keep them disunited; because if it were possible they could contrive so wild and rash an Undertaking, yet they would not be hardly enough to put it in Execution, unless they could first strengthen themselves by a Confederacy of all the Parts.

BUT to return from this short Digression: Our Neighbours of *Holland*, who are allow'd to be a wise State, did not entertain these Jealousies of their Subjects in *India*, when they were a young and growing Plantation, nor do they even now when they are a potent flourishing People. Had they done so, and in Consequence of it restrain'd and check'd them, *Holland* would not at this Day have drawn such immense Riches from that Part of the World, and furnish'd all *Europe* with *Indian* Commodities. And yet what Reason can be assign'd for the Jealousies we entertain of our Colonies, which the *Dutch* have not, and far stronger with Respect to their *Batavian* Subjects? If the Distance be urg'd as an Argument, every Body knows that *New-England* is but a thousand Leagues from the *British* Shore, but the *Dutch* must run eight Times that Ground from *Amsterdam* before they arrive at *Batavia*. Or if the Number and Power of the Inhabitants should give any Umbrage, this is an Article which, with Respect to *Batavia*, won't admit of the most distant Comparifon. The General of that Place maintains a Port superiour to many Sovereign Princes in *Europe*, and has all the Kings in *Java* in a Manner Tributary to him. He has 3000 standing *European* Troops, not reckoning the Natives; and all the *Dutch* Inhabitants live in that flowing Wealth and Plenty, which makes
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