

combination against the mother country would have been rendered almost impossible.

The local circumstances of the different provinces, the political and commercial advantages to be expected from the further colonization of each, the precautions requisite for their security, and the means which may be found for remedying the errors of their former administration, are topics which would lead me into too great length, and which this is not the proper place to discuss. The only point immediately connected with the subject of this work, is to consider the measures that are necessary for diverting the current of emigration, and directing it to any part of the colonies, which may appear to government most advisable. It has been supposed that this could not be done without such encouragements, as would tend very much to increase the evil in general : but I hope to make it appear that this is a mistake ; and that the object may be accomplished without adopting any measure that can have a permanent bad effect.