

numbers are great; Spain cannot support them. At that time the manufactures and products of Spain were many; at present few; then the silver and gold came at last to the Spanish artificers and workmen; now at second-hand to foreigners: then there was no commercial rivalry in Asia, except with the Portuguese, and they were our friends, and as it were our brethren. At present all nations have assumed their parts. Nevertheless at that time the valuable commerce of the East-Indies was thought worth pursuing by such a variety of measures. And shall we be brought to think, that the Spanish nation cannot by any means restore it; that in its present state it is very pernicious, and that small as it is should be relinquished, without attention to the great opportunities of increasing it?

So Mr. Walter thinks; and I believe he would be not a little pleased, could he infuse the same notions among the Spaniards. As to his own nation I observe that in his narrative, he very magnificently sets forth the advantage accruing to it from the commerce with China and the whole coast of the East Indies, and dwells on the great importance to the British crown, of supporting and increasing their settlements in those parts. On the other hand we have seen the strenuous endeavours of the
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