

of War, if not totally overthrow them: For this Reason, as the Marquis *De Champaigne*, General of the *French Windward Islands*, declar'd long since to the Author, it has always been thought good Policy in both Crowns, to let this important Island remain neutral; and it is to be hop'd that timely Care will be taken that it may be so, or that it may be Ours, lest the *French* should fortify this Harbour in like Manner as they did that in the said Island of *Cape Breton*.

THEY coin small Pieces of Silver in *France*, for the particular Uses of their Sugar Colonies, and send it there to pay off their Governors, and other publick Officers, and to ease their Trade: On the other Hand, the *British* Sugar Planters raise Money to pay, not only their own Governors and other publick Officers, but also the Governors of *Bermuda* and the *Babama* Islands in *America* as well as the Governor of the Island of *Jersey* in *Europe*.

THE tender Care the *French* take of their Trade, is further evident from the following Extract taken from the beforemention'd Memorial, presented by the Deputies of the Council of Commerce to the Royal Council in 1701, viz.

“ THE Deputies are oblig'd to observe further
 “ to the Council, that for three or four Years past,
 “ a Duty is levy'd at *St Domingo* of * two Sols
 “ per Livre or Pound Weight on Indigo shipp'd
 “ off there. This Novelty is the more pernicious,
 “ because that Drug serves for dying our Manu-
 “ factures into Blews or Blacks, and because we
 “ make a considerable Traffick of it to the *North*.
 “ 'Tis of great Importance for the Council to be
 “ pleas'd to take off this Duty, which is capable
 “ of ruining the Cultivation of this Drug.” Pag. 15.

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* Two Sols is about 1 d. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling.