

1761, and shewn, that they know what they were about better than the author of the Examination of it did, when he engaged in that service. The *Examiner*, sensible of the injury offered those honourable persons, apologizes for them after a most extraordinary manner, so as to increase his crime, for when his reader hath finished the apology, he is brought to think, either that such honourable persons were ignorant of the true interest of the publick, had their attention turned off from it by the cry about *Canada*, and our continental colonies, or to humour such cry and please the publick, knowingly sacrificed their true interest. The apology is more reproachful than the insult that occasioned it. There are several other things in the *Examination* that might be remarked upon, but I am tired with the performance; however, let me make a few quotations from it, which I am at a loss to reconcile with each other. They are these, *the late negotiation, so far as it regarded our colonies and commerce, was on our side conducted, I apprehend, on one single idea, viz. to secure to ourselves the possession of all Canada* *. *The reader will not entertain any doubt, that the treaty was conducted on a principle wholly averse to West-Indian acquisition* †. *A preference and a rejection, which could by no possibility have arisen from any other source, than the maxim which appears to have then governed our counsils, viz. that the West-Indies were a part of the world in which we ought to aspire at nothing.*

* P. 8. † P. 9.