

to encourage the application of that additional labour, and to give artificial advantages to the Canadian, which shall counterbalance the natural advantages possessed by the American farmer. If such advantages be withheld from the Canadian farmer, if the settler in the British Provinces has to contend against a rigorous climate, a comparatively sterile soil, and disadvantageous position, and is compelled to contrast his scarcely recompensed toil, with the greater ease and abundance of the farmer of Ohio, with the light labour, the fruitful soil, and genial climate, enjoyed by the inhabitants of the Western States; the Colonies will cease to be the depôt for British emigrants, and the whole tide of Trans-atlantic travel will be sunk in the fruitful and productive valley of the Mississippi. What will be the consequences? England will lose thousands of her subjects annually to an alien and rival country, whereas the same men settled within her own territories would form a salutary drain upon her redundant population, would extend her power and influence, consume her manufactures, and from the most wretched and useless, form the most happy and valuable portion of her population. Emigrants settled in the States are indeed lost to England, lost to her commerce, lost to her manufactures, lost to her government. Naturalized foreigners, are too often the rancorous enemies of their native country. The danger of an emigration exclusively to the States, is evident. Not merely are the emigrants wholly cut off from the empire, not merely do subjects become aliens, and friends turn into enemies, but while political, commercial, and manufacturing power is added to the grasping and ambitious Union, by an influx of natural born subjects of England, who might be retained within the dominions of the mother country, as her most faithful supporters and surest customers, the emigrant population finding prosperity and plenty apparently alone in a Republican country, finding independence and ease to them unknown under a Monarchical flag, seemingly only attainable on the soil of Democracy, will naturally form and propagate the conclusion, that such blessings flow not from the favourable situation, but the political institutions of America; a train of reasoning most dangerous to European establishments, and which, eventually, by the flux and reflux of the tide of emigration