

than that between our Canadian and West Indian dominions. Or if this be robbery, Paul has always been no less robbed to pay Peter, for the West Indians have ever had a monopoly of the Canadian market, and sell in it more than they can in the American. Paul and Peter, then, being subjects of the same master, had better assist each other by the mutual exchange of their labours, than communicate their gifts to any Simon Magus, though he offer money instead of demanding.

*That unless the West Indians buy of the cheapest carriers, they will produce and export less to the United Kingdom.* — The value of the whole imports from the West Indies into the United Kingdom, in 1825, was 7,932,000*l.*, and in 1828 9,497,000*l.*

*That a good understanding with America is desirable.* — Certainly, and a good understanding of our own interests also; and both are perfectly compatible. There is nothing unfriendly in refusing that country the West India trade, no more than their refusing us the coasting. We wish well to the Americans, but they must not quarrel with us for preferring ourselves and our colonies. Nor is the present system intended to injure them, nor should the comparisons here made be thought to imply such wishes; but their situation and circumstances are such, that it is against their competition, that we are in most need of protection.

*That the present system is not a free trade.* —