

mislead the public mind on many important points; or (to what other motive can the following assertion be attributed, unless it is intended to encourage the prejudices of a few individuals in the British West-India colonies, whose conduct conduces to a belief that their attachment to the mother country is not so strong as their regard for the United States? "At present, by the most absurd policy, *our* planters are *prevented* from paying for the large amount of provisions and supplies from *America*, by a *return* of their own produce, *which would willingly be received*, because the *whole* of it *must go* to the mother country, where it can only sell at a loss."¹ Though by the 28th Geo. III. c. 6. sugar, molasses, coffee, cocoa-nuts, ginger, and pimento, are permitted to be *exported* from the *British* West India Islands to the United States, in *British-built* ships.² It is apprehended by the shipping interest, in case sugar and molasses are not allowed to be used in the distilleries, that every exertion will be made to obtain permission to *export* from the British West India Islands to the United States in *American* bottoms, sugar and other colonial produce. If such an infraction of the colonial system should take place, it cannot fail to produce the most lamentable consequences, and extend the means relied on by France for annihilating the maritime power of Great Britain.

Thus the principles and views of the advocates of the new system become apparent; for though in other parts of this work, it is (but seemingly with reluctance) admitted, "that the policy of favoring our *own* shipping, cannot be doubted;" yet there pervades throughout the whole of this examination of the conduct of Great Britain towards America, so strong a disposition to depreciate and lessen the just popularity with which the recent energetic measures of the present administration have been received throughout the country, that little doubt can be entertained, that such is the real object of the publication. If, fortunately, these measures are not relaxed, but are adhered to and enforced,³ it being evident, "His Majesty cannot *otherwise* get out of the war with safety," the people may anticipate a successful termination of it; for on that depends the MARITIME power of GREAT BRITAIN, which constitutes at present the only barrier to universal despotism and misery, and

¹ Mr. Baring's Examination, p. 168.

² Reeves's History of Shipping and Navigation, 2nd edit. p. 271, 272.

³ Mr. Baring's Examination, p. 167.

⁴ See the Antijacobin Review for February, 1808, p. 204, for some very patriotic observations on this subject.—"The king who makes war on his enemies tenderly, distresses his own subjects most cruelly." Dr. JOHNSON.

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