

coasts, by the superiority of our fleets, properly managed and directed, will, upon a new war, render the tenure of the *French* islands extremely precarious to the mother country, and it will not be any garrison, that *France* can maintain in them for any long time, that can insure them.

The next thing to be considered, is, the *comparative* value of our continental colonies. I mean not to compare particular colonies, with particular *West-Indian* islands, much less with the whole of them; but the whole of the one, with the whole of the other; and I hope to show by this comparison, that the advantage is greatly on the side of our continental colonies, against our *West-Indian* islands, tho' it may not be in proportion to the inhabitants of each. It is not with any pleasure I enter upon this comparison, as some may be ready to interpret it, into an attempt to disparage our *West-Indies*, while it's only intended to prevent mistaken apprehensions of colony interests. The *Examiner*, in shewing the importance of our *West-Indian* commerce, tells us *, *that almost the whole of that extensive and lucrative trade, which we carry on with the coast of Africa, is maintained by, and must be put to the account of the West-Indies; and then adds below, of fire arms, ammunition, utensils, stuffs, and spirits, we exported in the year 1761, to the value of 254,381 l. 11 s. 5 d. besides, an assortment of East-India goods, to the amount of*