

admission of American vessels into our West India ports allows them also a *free trade from thence to Great Britain*. But assuredly this does not necessarily follow. Whether it may be prudent in Great Britain to consent to so liberal an extension of her navigation laws, is a question of general policy, whereon it would be presumptuous in the West India planters to offer their opinion. Impressed with the dread of impending evils, they confine themselves to their own particular situation, requesting only, that America may be permitted, as formerly, to bring them food, and such other necessaries as Great Britain herself cannot furnish, and to receive in payment such of their staples as Great Britain cannot consume. They are told that "Canada and Nova Scotia shall satisfy their wants." We have demonstrated the folly of this expectation. "But Great Britain claims the monopoly of their produce." It has been shewn that she will still possess it to every beneficial purpose. Obstacles, however, multiply. "The Americans will engross the carrying-trade, to the exclusion of our own shipping."—This objection, in truth, is expressed in such general terms, that I really believe, many well meaning men, who have grown hoarse in repeating it, have no precise idea of its meaning to this hour. If the sense of it be this, *that American ships will supply foreign markets with British plantation sugar, to the prejudice of the British refinery*; the noble author of whom I have made
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