

secured to the *English*, unless their *extensive* trade with them should be thereby extended? They have an extensive trade with them now they are *French*; they would have but the same were they *English*. This extensive trade the *Examiner* stiles *erring*: in what sense? The *English* islands are supplied to the full, and upon as good terms as tho' the continental colonists did not trade with the *French*: and the *Examiner* allows*, that it is owing to this trade, together with the *West-Indian* trades being cramped for want of land, that the *West-Indian* trade has not increased in proportion to that of *North America*. There is no more error in our continental colonies trading to the *French* islands with lumber, provision, and the like articles, the produce of the country, than there is in *Great Britain's* trading to *France* with corn, lead, and coal. The advantage gained by the colonist from that trade, enables him to increase his trade with the mother country. But as he hath this trade, what necessity is there for retaining acquisitions upon his account? *Guadaloupe* traded with *North America* before the war, and now she has been conquered, only continues to carry on a greater trade, than any *English* island does with *North America*†. What pity is it! that he who owns a consideration of things out of their due order, is often worse than no consideration of them at all‡, should not consider better. The *Examiner*, when ac-

* Page 35, 36. † Page 43. ‡ Page 31.