

" with nearly all the Commercial Privileges  
 " and immunities which they enjoyed whilst  
 " British Subjects—that, in return, they will  
 " supply our West India Islands with Provi-  
 " sions, &c. and take from them Sugar, Rum,"  
 &c. As far as the Author can comprehend  
 this charge, it appears to be founded upon  
 certain Facts, offensive to the noble Writer,  
 though supported in general by our Commer-  
 cial Interest, and in particular by a very great  
 and respectable part of it, the West India Mer-  
 chants and Planters. Speaking then generally  
 to it, the Author fully admits the charge, and  
 is prepared to justify the principle, upon this  
 ground; that the nearer approach we make to  
 the renewal of those connexions, upon which the  
 grandeur of our Empire was founded, the nearer  
 approach we shall make to a Restoration of the  
 state from which it has fallen. But the Author  
 never asserted, what the noble Lord is pleased  
 to assert for him, in the next page, viz. that the  
 Americans " will become our ship-builders,  
 " we being unable to build ships, and to  
 " Carry for ourselves, but at an intolerable  
 a 2 " loss,"