

To proceed: as to the fifth reason for exclusive companies, there can be no pretence for it any longer in our times. For it is well known, the credit of our government is so good, that individuals rather chuse to lend their money upon public, than private securities.—And that they do it even on cheaper terms.

Wherefore, lastly, If these nuisances to a free trade, and the public good, shall still continue, it is too plain, that they will owe their preservation to the same cause that gave them birth, *viz.* a jobb.—But that I may express my utter dislike against them, in common with every other disinterested man, who wishes well to the good of the whole community, I shall go on,

Thirdly, to point out a few of the principal evils, and destructive consequences attending them.

In the 1st place, These exclusive companies cannot trade, if they were inclined, upon so easy terms, as private adventurers would do, were the trade laid open. So many directors, supercargoes, storehouse-keepers, factors, agents, clerks;—and all the pickings of their several dependants:—so many fees, sweetnings, *etc.* from the ma-