European dominions are too securely established to be in danger of sinking into those of his American states, the transfer of the seat of government appears only to constitute an equitable balance between the two parts of the empire.

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The struggle for independence, and the consequent spirit of hostility, which have been laid down as almost inevitable, were avoided generally by the Grecian system. according to which every colony was independent at its first foundation. Yet even this could not entirely remove the evil, as was shown by the bitter enmity subsisting between Corinth and Corcyra. Besides, the feelings of modern times, and the immense distance at which modern Colonies are planted, are unfavourable to that reverence and regard which a Grecian Colony entertained for its metropolis, and without which the Parent State could not calculate upon being favoured either in matters of trade, or of war and peace, above other nations. The tenets of the Greeks respecting their "household gods," and indeed their whole mythology, were singularly favourable to that sort of bond of charity which united the two countries.

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"In the year 1787," says Bryan Edwards, "the value of the exports from Great Britain to the British West