

the World to our Plantations? They would certainly burn or pull down that Member of Parliament's House who should move for it. Now I desire to know what an honest Man in Spain would think of the Equity of this Procedure?

It appears indeed, from what I have said above, that I do not expect much Equity from them, and therefore it is not upon that Side that I propose to press the Argument. It is from the side of Interest. If we are so partial to ourselves, as to trample upon every Law and every national Engagement, when we hope to do it with Impunity or Profit, why should we expect others to be more honest than ourselves, or that our Colonies will continue to trade with us longer than it is their Interest to do so? For this Reason we should bend all our Force to the Improvement of our own Country, by increasing the Number, Sobriety and Industry of its Inhabitants. If there be any Defect here, the most valuable Settlements will do us no good;

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