

reign Produce from *London*, to be taken off; and a Duty of Ten *per Cent.* paid on their Importation into the Colonies; however feasible these Alterations may appear in Times of Peace, they appear unseasonable in Time of War; and if, hereafter, any such Tax should be thought eligible, it ought, even then, to be so cautiously framed, as not to burden the Fishery (that rich Nursery for Sailors) or any other Staple that needs nursing; lest for an imaginary Good, we create a real Evil, and, perhaps, a Tax on Superfluities, &c. the only Tax that ought, in point of Prudence, to operate at all, may meet with some Opposition. Suppose it were *India* Goods, and the Drawback not only taken off, but a Duty paid in the Plantations, what would become of the Trade of the *India Company*? wherefore, if any such Scheme has been planned, it is to be hoped, it will be laid aside for the Present; and, instead of new Taxes, let us study until we find out every Impediment to the Growth of our Colonies, and let us not forget the most Infant Settlement of *Nova Scotia*, and the Necessity of the same established Form of Government