

146. AN ESSAY ON TRADE.

pose some of the above-mentioned Alterations, as what appeared to me the *very best*, which could be devised; but the best in our *present* Circumstances, and the likeliest to succeed. For I am convinced, That what I am now going to offer, is in itself a much more effectual Remedy, if our Constitution is strong enough to admit the Application of it.

THE Scheme is generally ascribed to the late Sir M. D. as the Author of it; and is taken out of a Quarto Pamphlet, which would do Honour to any Man, several times already quoted; viz. *An Essay on the Causes and Decline of the Foreign Trade.*

BUT as I shall take the Liberty to make some few Alterations from, and Additions to; what this most ingenious Author hath advanced, I shall put those Articles in a *different Character*, that they may be distinguished from his; And that his Original Plan may not be involved in any Censure, which perhaps is only due to my Additions and Alterations. — The Reasons which induced me to believe that some few things might be altered, or added for the better, shall be laid before the Reader in the Sequel.

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