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CONCLUSION.

FROM what has been advanced concerning the importance of the colonies which we possess in North America, and the danger in which they are placed by the present war, it is evident they are, in the highest degree, entitled to our protection.—Compared with any of our other colonial establishments,—with our colonies in the West Indies,—with our colonies in the East Indies,—or with our Mediterranean establishments, and estimated by the proportionate quantity of our shipping they employ, I have shewn that they rank the highest :*—if valued by the present proportionate amount, and the sure prospect of future increase of the demand and facility they afford us for vending our manufactures: it is clearly demonstrated that they have decidedly the precedence.†—Should

* Appendix, Nos. 8 and 17. † No. 2.