

numerous catalogue of natural enemies. This is a melancholy prospect: but it is one, to the truth of which both theory and experience can testify. Even though we were to make some abatement in the darkness of this colouring, and suppose that the conduct of a Nation to its Colonies be more liberal than has usually been the case, and that no such leaven of bitterness mingle in the first origin of the Settlement, as unfortunately tainted the very earliest intercourse of England with her North American dependencies; still the operation of the principles above stated is so universal, that a different result is scarcely to be expected. Is it in human nature to expect such uninterrupted wisdom in any Government, as that no weak Prince, or ambitious Minister, should offer some provocation, however slight, to a powerful and resolute Colony? And when the cup has long been full, and nothing has been wanting but a touch to make it overflow, will no unkindly accident ever supply that deficiency? Or will there never fall upon matter so inflammable some spark, which may suddenly blaze forth, and involve the whole fabric in one fatal conflagration?

There must surely then be some extraordinary