

our perfidious Enemy, BRITONS are as brave as ever.

I COULD wish to be excused the Task you request, and extremely pleased you could have met with some Friend better acquainted with our *American* Colonies, for your Information of their Importance, and the best Means of making them most useful to their Mother Country. And though they are under the best of Kings, the best System of Government, and in the Enjoyment of as many Advantages, perhaps, as any People in the World, the Benefits received from them (though great) are very small, to what they might be, was their Country better peopled and improved; it abounding with valuable Iron Mines, Mafts, and Timber of various Sorts, for various Uses; Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Furs, &c. a fine Cod and Whale Fishery, large Navigation, of which they annually build several hundred Ships, and load with their own Produce for *Spain, Portugal, and Italy, Virginia, Carolina, the West-Indies*, and the Bay, from whence they are freighted to *Great Britain*, with Tobac-

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