

Spring Sessions of the present year (1817) the most unprecedented bounties ever given by any other government. The wisdom of this measure, is by no means a fresh piece of policy. It is renewed upon the most perfect experience, leading to the acquirement of *SHIPS* (that is ships of war), *COLONIES*, and *COMMERCE*. There is no axiom more trite or just, than that "money produces money, and seed a harvest"—nor any more certain, than that Bounties bestowed upon a depressed trade, and the Fisheries in particular, will man the navy;—give prosperity to the Colonies; and thereby, though circuitously, and through numberless channels, increase the revenues both of the Parent State and the Colony.

If His Majesty's Ministers and the Governors in the Islands would, cause the American goods to be really excluded from the Islands, the colonists of these northern districts, would in *either case* no longer have to complain of ruin to their Trade, their Fisheries and their Agriculture;—but so long as the American imports are admitted to the Islands and the South American British possessions (no matter by what means of subterfuge or evasion) these colonies will remain in the back ground, unless some adequate concession or equivalent can be devised to meet the difference which gives to the Americans their existing superiority.

Notwithstanding the bold denial made by the agents of the West-India Islands, the American advantages consist in the numerous articles, which the citizens of the States smuggle into the British Islands, or which is the same in effect, of late years, are brought by them to the foreign Islands, and are thence introduced into the British possessions there; they are those contained in the following list:

No. 1.

Of American Manufacture; Boots—Shoes—Cordage—Canvass—Nails (cut & wrought)—Bar-Iron—Gunpowder—Candles (tallow & sperm.)—Leather (unmanufactured)—coarse Slops—Naval Stores—Tobacco, (raw & manufactured)—Soap—tin Ware, &c. &c.—Books, (Am. edns.) and Stationary.

Of the European Continent; Wines—Brandy—Gin—Selerias and other. Linens—Silks—Silk Stockings—Dry Fruits.

Of the produce and manufacture of the East Indies and China; Teas—Muslins—Ginghams—Nankeens. Pepper—Spices—Bandana Handkerchiefs—Fine Slops, and other such goods.

Besides an infinite variety of other articles, which all tend to lessen the importations from the mother country.

The advocates for American intercourse in the West-Indies, have always dwelt on the necessities of the Islands, which they say are not to be satisfied from these colonies; but before they can establish their claim to that intercourse, they must add that such necessary articles deficient in these colonies, are not to be procured from the United Kingdoms.—But it will never be asserted that such is the case of any one of the foregoing list. . . . The following being a list of articles