

member, and subordinate department of the West-Indian trade; it must rise and fall exactly as the West-Indies flourish or decay*. The Examiner professes in a subsequent paragraph his zeal for the continental colonies, but adds. *I should be sorry it were found to be a zeal without knowledge.* I am sorry that his zeal for the *West-India* is a zeal without knowledge, or without honesty. Who would not suppose in reading the above quotations, but that the Examiner understood by *West-Indies*, our own *West-Indian* islands, and was insisting upon the dependance of our continental colonies on these. But if so, what becomes of his argument, when he writes but a little lower, *our sugar colonies would suffer much less from a deficiency in North America, than those of France, to whose prosperity the trade with the English northern colonies is more necessary by far, than it is to the English West-Indies.* In another place †, *the North American trade has extended; because it found a market, not indeed in the English, but in the French sugar colonies. Acquisition in the West-Indies must increase our limited and decaying sugar trade, and at the same time recall our, extensive indeed, but erring trade of North America, from French to English markets.* Thus the Examiner acknowledges, that our *North American* colonies have an extensive trade with the *French West-Indian* islands. Pray what advantage then would it be to the *North American* colonies, to have these islands

* Page 30. † Page 36.