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rations on the prefent Situation of Great Britain and the United States of America; particularly defigned to expose the dangerous Tendency of Lord Sheffield's Observations," &c:r This appears to claim more attentions. The author informs us, that he has fpent the furnmer in collecting materials ; but he gives no authority for the calculations he has produced, or the tables he has inferted : wherever he found them, they differ materially from the Cuftom-house entries both, of Britain and America, and contradict them in very frequent inftances; many facts advanced, astifrom those entries, are found to be without foundation, or enormoully exaggerated. The author fays, the Americans, formerly took 25,000 hogheads of fugar annually from our illands; The Americans. had no motive for entering lefs fugar at the Cuftom Houfe than what they actually imported from those islands ; yet certainly their importations from thence never, in any year, exceeded 6700 hogheads, reckoning only 1000 cwt. to the hogfhead. The exaggeration of the account he gives of the quantity of refined fugar taken from hence, is equally great. Above 150 pages of his work are filled with calculations and affertions, hazar-

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