

may well be dispirited, and give up the contest : they may contemplate without emotion the ruins of their vast structure of national magnificence and glory, hurled from its foundations, by the unceasing and mighty efforts of a wily and too much despised antagonist.

But, if there remain one spark of that heroic spirit which once animated their forefathers ; if the “ *Amor Patriæ*” be not obliterated ; let conscious superiority, let even a sense of shame imperiously urge them to their duty, and obliterate the foul stain that has been suffered to tarnish the national reputation.

Thus has an obscure individual presumed to lay before the public a work intended to unveil the nature of the American competition, and display to Britain the present alarming state of her commercial affairs. If it produce the good effects which the Author intended, he will indeed feel himself most amply rewarded. He is entirely unsolicitous of personal applause, and not less regardless of censure. He has no views of personal aggrandisement from the system he recommends,