

upon every principle of true policy, and proper regard to the views and purposes of rival nations, be highly deserving of the utmost countenance and assistance from the mother country. To this intercourse, the committee apprehend, the permission of American ships, as heretofore, freely to bring the produce of the dominions of the United States to the sugar colonies, and take back our produce in return, is so obviously essential, that they need not adduce any farther arguments in support of that proposition.

In several of his Majesty's sugar colonies there are still great tracts of uncultivated land, of which, although a considerable part, would undoubtedly, under adequate encouragement, be settled with sugar works, yet there will remain considerable quantities which, from soil or situation, are unfit for the culture of sugar, though very fit for that of indigo, coffee, cocoa, and tobacco, if proper encouragement were given thereto; and such cultivation would at the same time afford the means of subsistence to great numbers of loyal Americans and others, whose property is not sufficient for the settlement of a sugar plantation, and would greatly increase the internal strength of the sugar colonies. For these salutary purposes, it is submitted whether the bounty of 4d. per pound, which only expired last year, should not be revived, upon the importation of indigo of the growth of his Majesty's sugar colonies, and the duties on
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