

To the Right Honourable

Sir **ROBERT WALPOLE**,

First Commissioner of the Treasury, Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer; One of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter.

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Treatise of Trade in this Nation of ours, which flourishes, and indeed subsists by it, cannot be so properly inscribed, as to one who bears, and has long borne, so eminent a Share in directing our National Counsels, and consequently our National Commerce. For, no Man knows better than Yourself, that these two can never be separated without fatal Effects; and that whenever our Trade perishes, so must our public Dignity and Strength. How much we are indebted to that of our Plantations, is generally confess'd, tho' I believe, not universally understood.

This therefore is what I have undertaken to explain to my Countreymen, that they may clearly see the vast Importance of our Colonies in *America*, and, thro' a just Principle of Interest,

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