

out any ceremony, toſs him over the rocks of Dover, and ſend him and his money to the bottom together. In a word, it is abſolutely impoſſible to eſtimate the value of any commodity, unleſs the money ariſing from the ſale of it, will be ſufficient to purchaſe ſome other commodity of equal value ; but if no ſuch commodity is to be had, then it is really invaluable.

Now if this reaſoning be juſt with regard to Great Britain, it will hold, in ſome meaſure, with regard to all the dominions of Great Britain. I have not time to purſue the argument to its utmoſt extent, nor to trace it through all its conſequences ; and I have only made theſe cuſſory reflexions to expoſe the fallacious reaſoning of thoſe, who alledge, that our late conqueſts are rather a detriment than an advantage to the nation, becauſe they have coſt us more money than they are worth, never reflecting that their real worth cannot poſſibly be known. The wealth of
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