

tages over them in the Sale, by having more Markets open to them: To rectify so undue a Preference, a Bounty should be given on the one at the same Time that the Duties are taken off the other: But that must be the Work of some more provident Administration.

To compleat the State of the *American* Revenues, the Repeal of the Stamp-Act must be taken into Consideration: A Subject which for the Reasons I have already given I shall not enter into: which if properly treated, would require a very large Discussion; and which has been of late discussed so often; the only Circumstance to be taken notice of at present is the Loss of the 100,000*l.* designed to be raised by it, and which being added to the Diminutions above-mentioned in the Impost Duties, sufficiently accounts for the Reduction of the *American* Revenues from 160,000*l.* which they were intended to be, to less than 30,000*l. per Ann.* A Sum greatly short of that proposed to be raised on the Inhabitants of this Country by the new Window Tax only, in Addition to all the former Burthens, which they have so obediently, tho' so hardly, and so long born, and which they must continue to bear. Such a Distribution cannot be supported on any Principles of Commerce or of Policy: Glaring Inequalities not only indispose the Minds of Men, but really lessen their Powers: One Part is thereby over-whelmed, not for the Benefit of the whole; for if the Charge were justly divided, none would be very sensible of it: And generally not for the Benefit even of those who are favoured, who perhaps cannot follow the Pursuits which the others may be forced to abandon, cannot succeed to the Labours, the Services, and the Usefulness, which by the Partiality shewn to them, are lost to their Country. In the Empire of *Great Britain* for Instance, all the Taxes fall upon that Part of her Dominions where the Manufacturers reside, and the Markets are held: Her staple Commodities are loaded; all the Branches of her Trade are hurt; and many of them ruined: The *Americans* cannot supply the Loss: They might indeed assist to prevent it, by defraying a Part of that national Expence which occasions the Distress: And in this View it appears to be a commercial Object, that the Burthens of a State should be equally spread over all the Subjects of it, according to their Abilities: But the last Administration entirely deserted so wise and equitable a System: They might