

“ more dangerous than in other countries; that
 “ the trade may even be extended, by means of a
 “ navigable passage, or at least by a short land-
 “ passage, to the western ocean; and that the Com-
 “ pany from these discoveries and improvements
 “ are grown immensely rich and powerful.” I say,
 had such proofs of a fine country and beneficial
 trade stolen abroad in the world, as they must un-
 avoidably have done if proper experiments had
 been made, “ the Company knew, that the Legis-
 “ lature would have taken the right into its own
 “ hands; and settled the country, and laid the
 “ trade open, for the benefit of Britain.” *they*
have, therefore, contented themselves with dividing
among one hundred persons, a large profit upon a
small capital; have not only endeavoured to keep
the true state of the trade and country an impene-
trable secret, but industriously propagated the worst
impressions of them; and rather than enjoy the incon-
cievable advantages of a general cultivation in com-
mon with their fellow-subjects, have, even to the
hazard of their own separate interest, exposed
both country and trade to the incroachments of the
 French.

THE French, who are grasping at universal
 dominion, watch every opportunity for extending
 their trade, and secure all those countries which
 we abandon. But tamely to suffer them to dis-
 possess us of this important source of wealth and
 power is, besides the loss, a disgrace not to be
 borne by Britain; tho’ borne it must be, if the
 Company are permitted any longer to sacrifice the
 good of the nation to their own private interest.
 The Legislature only can prevent the one, by put-
 ting an immediate stop to the other; and the
 Legislature has but two methods to make choice of;
 either,

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