

great Powers of Speech or not; tho' any Gentleman who might be affected by it, is not to be blamed for his Apprehension, that a sudden Importation of a certain Commodity, might hurt the *home* Market.

The Sum of the Taxes, paid in *North-America*, will appear enormous to those, who, having been told that these Colonies pay only 7 or 800 *l.* per Annum, in Consequence of Taxes laid *there*, might be led, in their Dependence upon *Ministerial Candor*, to believe, that they paid no more *elsewhere*; —but to others, who are better acquainted with the Subject, the Computation will appear too low.—From these Observations it may be infer'd what a vast Wealth, in Taxes only, the Mother-Country has, in the Course of a Hundred Years, drawn from her Colonies; and how *profoundly well-inform'd* the Writer is, who, with equal Pertinency and Confidence, pronounces, “that it is *now* high Time for *England* to draw some *little* Profit from her Colonies, after the *vast Treasure* she has expended on their Settlement.”

I confess that the above Computations are conjectural, but I believe they are probable. I mean that those, who are best acquainted with the Subject, will think the Charge upon *North-America* is not exaggerated, and which I think very naturally accounts for the enormous Debt she at present labours under to the Mother-Country.

Dr. *Davenant* observes, that, “if ever any Thing great or good be done for the *English* Colonies, Industry must have its due Recompence, and that can't be without Encouragement to it, which, perhaps is only to be brought about by *confirming their Liberties*, and establishing good Discipline among them;—that, as they see they are a Free People, in Point of Government, so they may, by Discipline, be kept free of the Mischiefs that follow Vice and Idleness. And, as great Care should be taken in this Respect, so without Doubt, it is adviseable, that no little Emulation of private Interests of Neighbour Governors, nor that the Petitions of *hungry Courtiers* at home, shou'd prevail to discourage those particular Colonies, who, in a few Years, have raised themselves by their *own Charge*, Prudence and Industry, to the Wealth and Greatness they are now arriv'd at, without any Expence to the Crown; upon which Account, any Innovations, or Breach of their original Charters, (besides that it seems a Breach of the *Public Faith*) may, peradventure, not tend to the King's Profit.” Excellent Observation! but how little it hath been regarded, the present deeply-afflicting Distress of the Inhabitants of *North-America* demonstrates; —a Distress sufficient to drive Men into Despair, who are not animated by the Hope, that—DEUS DABIT HIS QUOQUE FINEM.

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