

“ augmenting his Influence with his Wealth, enables the Merchant to
 “ plunge us into new Wars and new Debts for his Advantage*.”

The Man who thinks the Gains of the Merchant are dangerous, and that the Welfare of the Manufacturers, the Landholders, &c. doth not depend upon the Trade and Navigation of *Great-Britain*, is very consistently an Advocate for a Measure which hath a direct Tendency to check them; but whether this Opinion, and very consistent Conduct, might not be more serviceable in some other Employment, than in that of a L— of T—, is submitted to their Consideration, who are the Judges of Merit, and the Dispensers of its Rewards.

For a Reason, which the above Opinion suggests, I shall subjoin an Estimate of the Duties upon Tobacco consumed in *Great-Britain*, and of the Profit to the Planter on that Tobacco.—The intelligent Reader will not apprehend it to be my Meaning, that the Planter pays out of his Pocket all the Duties laid on Tobacco, or be at a Loss to infer, that the Estimate has been made with no other View, than to obviate the Principle others by their Writings seem to adopt.

The old Subsidy is One Penny per Pound, 25 per Cent deducted.

All the other Duties are Seven Pence, and one Third per Pound, 15 per Cent deducted.

An Hogshhead of Tobacco, at an Average, contains 952 lb.

The whole Duties therefore,	-	-	-	-	£. 27 : 14 : 0
The Amount of the whole Duties on 30,000 Hog-	}	-	-	-	£. 831,000 : 00 : 0
shheads, is					

The full clear Proceeds of an Hogshhead of Tobacco, reckoning 952 lb in each Hogshhead, has not, on an Average for some Years past, exceeded 4*l.* † wherefore, on 30,000 Hogshheads, the Planters get 120,000*l.* How much of the above Sum of 831,000*l.* is nett to the Revenue, I shall not undertake to say; but I presume it may be safely asserted, that no Part of this, or any other Public Money, is touch'd by any *Americans*, whether they have

* The Objections to the Taxation, &c. consider'd.

† See before, P. 52. The attentive Reader will observe, that the nett Proceeds of a Hogshhead of Tobacco, at an Average, are 4*l.* and the Taxes 3*l.*—, together, 7*l.*—Quere, How much per Cent does the Tax amount to, which takes from the two wretched Tobacco Colonies, 3*l.* out of every 7*l.*? And how deplorable must their Circumstances appear, when their vast Debt to the Mother-Country, and the annual Burthen of their civil Establishments are added to the Estimate? In these two Colonies there are upwards of 180,000 Taxables.