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THE following sheets were written during the late Non-Importation Agreement: But that Agreement being dissolved before they were ready for the Press, it was then judged unseasonable to publish them. Many will, perhaps, be surpris'd to see the Legislative Authority of the British Parliament over the Colonies denied in every instance. Those the writer informs, that, when he began this piece, he would probably have been surpris'd at such an opinion himself; for, that it was the result, and not the occasion, of his disquisitions. He entered upon them with a view and expectation of being able to trace some constitutional Line between those cases, in which we ought, and those in which we ought not, to acknowledge the power of Parliament over us. In the prosecution of his enquiries, he became fully convinced, that such a Line does not exist; and that there can be no medium between acknowledging and denying that power in all cases. Which of these two alternatives is most consistent with Law, with the principles of Liberty, and with the happiness of the Colonies, let the