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A D V E R T I S E M E N T,

BY THE TRANSLATOR.

THE Philosophical and political History of the Establishments and Commerce of the Europeans, in both the Indies, by the Abbé RAYNAL, is certainly one of the finest works which have appeared since the revival of letters; and perhaps the most instructive of any which have been known. It is an original as to its formation; and ought to serve henceforward for a model. An additional part to this work, discussing the disputes of Great Britain with her Colonies, has been long and ardently expected.

pected. In the course of his travels, the translator happily succeeded in obtaining a copy of this exquisite little piece, which has not yet made its appearance from any press. He publishes a French edition, in favour of those who will feel its eloquent reasoning more forcibly in its native language, at the same time with the following translation of it; in which he has been desirous, perhaps in vain, that all the warmth, the grace, the strength, the dignity of the original, should not be lost. And he flatters himself, that the indulgence of the illustrious historian will not be wanting to a man, who

who of his own motion, has taken the liberty to give this composition to the public, only from a strong persuasion, that its momentous argument will be useful, in a critical conjuncture, to that country which he loves with an ardour, that can be exceeded only by the nobler flame, which burns in the bosom of the philanthropic author, for the freedom and happiness of all the countries upon earth.

It may not, perhaps, be quite needless to observe, though it ought to be understood, that the valuation of sums, made in the original in foreign money, is, in the translation made in sterling.

The abundant good sense, the political sagacity, and even the salutary sarcasm, to be found, amidst the effusions of benevolence, in this historical tract, could never, it is apprehended, be more opportunely laid before those whom it may concern, than now. It now seems to be the general and anxious expectation, that, before the rising of Parliament from its present session, some proper and efficacious steps will at last, at this high time, be thought of, towards closing the unnatural, the shameful, and distressful breach, between the mother-country and her colonies; a breach in which, as it is observed, with
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great truth, by the author of a Plan of Accommodation*, founded in justice and liberality, “The people on both sides are robbed of their truest interest, and made to sacrifice their mutual happiness, to gain nothing but contempt and misery.”

Let not wisdom utter her voice in the streets, and no man regard her.

* Printed in 1780.