

would be left open to the insults of the maritime powers, he saw the necessity of changing his party, which induced him to make a treaty with us in 1703; and when the French Minister, *M. de Châteauneuf*, reproached him for thus changing sides; *Don Pedro* replied, with great spirit “ If your master had sent thirty ships of the line to cruize between *Lisbon* and *Setubal*, I had never quitted his alliance; and therefore I would have you let him know, that he ought to blame himself, not me, for the consequences.” By the treaty of commerce concluded with the same crown by *mr. Methuen*, we were prodigious gainers; and I will even venture to say, that this single alliance was worth more to us, than all the negotiations in the former reign. The *Portuguese* began to feel the comfortable effects of the mines they had discovered in *Brazil*, and the prodigious commerce that followed thereupon with us, made their good luck, in this respect, in a great measure ours also; and so it has been ever since, otherwise I know not how the expences of the war could have been born: for as doctor *Davenant* justly computed the running cash of this kingdom, at the time the revolution happened, could not be above eighteen millions; at the accession of the queen we had not so much; but at the time of concluding the union it was encreased again very considerably, which must be attributed in a great measure to our *Portugal* trade; and this, as I have made it manifest, we owed entirely to our superiour power at sea.

As to our trade with the *Spanish West-Indies*, by the canal of *Cadiz*, it was certainly very much interrupted by the war at the beginning; but afterwards it was in a good measure restored, as well by our direct correspondence with *Spain*, after the reduction of several provinces under the power of king *Charles III.* as thro’ *Portugal*, by which a very great, though contraband, trade was carried on. We were at the same time very great gainers by our trade with the *Spaniards* in the *West-Indies*, as I am satisfied from several

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