

FROM hence it will appear what Advantages have been granted in Favour of our *West India* and *African Trade*, and how they have operated; and it is too evident, that what has hitherto been done hath not effectually answer'd the good Intention of the Legislature, seeing the *French* have still a great Superiority over us in the *West-Indies*, and in other Branches of Commerce.

THIS is a Matter of the utmost Importance to this Nation, and therefore every Thing ought to be done, that can * be done, to change the Scene.

FOR we find by Experience, that the same Causes which streighten the *British* Commerce, will naturally enlarge the *French*; and it must be allowed that the naval Force of either Nation will, at one Time or other, thrive or languish in the same Degree as their Commerce gathers or loses Strength; and we are now convinc'd that the Seas are spread with *French* Ships to and from all Parts of the World, and that their Power as well by Sea as by Land, is *growing more and more with their Colonies and Commerce*, and all *Europe* are jealous of their ambitious Views: And should they continue this Course of improving their Trade and Colonies without our taking suitable Measures to encourage ours, *and that without Delay*, they must in the End become superior to us by Sea: Should this ever be the Case, they will doubtless engross the *African* and *American Trade*, and in Consequence become Masters of the most valuable Part of the Territories that border on the *Western Ocean*; Territories that abound in People and commodious Sea-Ports.—Then, — What will be the Fate of *Great Britain*! — How will it stand with *Old England*! — I say, *without Delay*, since nobody can be ignorant how many Opportunities may be lost
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* It was a Saying of one of the ablest Men of the *Roman Empire*, that we ought never to felicitate ourselves on having done any Thing, while there is yet any Thing that remains to be done.