

the French cannot defend their colonies, nor invade us, they will carry their arms into Germany: no matter whether their pretence is just or not. He admits that they had no just pretence for invading Hanover, and by the same rule they might turn their arms on any other part. In short, it is evident from the Considerer's own shewing, that whenever we are at war with France, if we are successful against them, they will seek their vengeance on the continent; and surely it is better for us to oppose them abroad, than for them to attack us at home. That being now our main object, we may narrow our expences, and to defeat them there, is the only means now in our power to reduce them to the necessity of begging peace.

Upon the whole, when we consider that there is nothing in these Considerations, but what has been repeated over and over, without meeting with any attention, we cannot but be persuaded that some extraordinary endeavours have been used to influence the public. When the sheets of discontent issue from the press, we know by what industrious arts they are circulated, and how loud-tongued party bawls in every company, in defence of the principles they contain. I cannot but lament, that my countrymen should be the dupes of such artifice, and that with all their experience, they are still the same fickle creatures, which the celebrated Montesquieu