

reign, and the worst of all, a *French* Interest, almost intirely ruin'd our old Manufactures, and render'd all Attempts to set up any new, vain and fruitless. Trade in general languish'd, Rents fell, and all Ranks of People were sensible of the Evil, but for some time imputed it to a wrong Cause, and so petitioned the Parliament against the *Levant* and the *East-India* Companies.

A T last, they discovered the true one, and made fresh Application to Parliament, upon which that very House of Commons, once so remarkably obsequious to the Court, now voted the Trade with *France* detrimental to the Kingdom, and pass'd that Memorable Bill (29 & 30 *Car. II.*) for prohibiting *French* Commodities; but as they expected it would be strongly opposed in the House of Lords by the Court, then notoriously under a *French* Influence, they tack'd it to the *Capitation* Bill and so it pass'd. By this it was enacted that no *French* Wine, Vinegar, Brandy, Linnen, *Cloth*, Silks, Salt, Paper, or any Manufactures made of or mix'd with Silk, Thread, *Wool*,
Hair,