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France. The Dutch set up Silk and Woollen, Linnen and Paper, Canvas and Sail-cloth. The English did the same, tho somewhat later; and to them added, Iron-Ware, Watches, Clocks, Glass, and Hats. Tho these Attempts to rival France in her principal Manufactures were made during the first Period, her Power continued nevertheless to increase all the time, as I have before laid down. For notwithstanding their Operation was immediate, yet it was for some time imperceptible, and it did not sensibly affect the Manufactures of France till many years afterwards.

IN 1678 France made the Treaty of Nimeguen, with a Superiority as mortifying to her Enemies as it was glorious to her felf. To the Glory of her Arms she now added the Advantages of an extensive Trade, and by that means to the Enlargement of her Dominions, she continued to add a daily Encrease of Riches and Power. Such was the happy State of France in 1683, when I find her publick Revenues at the