

Will Minorca ever be of the least use to us while our Fleet is inferior, especially as it is *acknowledged* we did not feel the want of it last war? Nay, is Gibraltar itself *now* of any use to us? Will the holding of them both give us equal advantage of the Levant Trade with France, who has several Ports in the Mediterranean? Are we not *forcing Nature* in endeavouring to rival them in that Trade? and are there not many Neutral Ports in the Mediterranean, to which we may always carry our fish, &c.? Do not *all* other Maritime Powers trade in that sea without having a Port of their own?

As a long Peace has not enabled us to lessen our Debt, is it not (as I have before said) reasonable to suppose, several of our possessions are rather burthensome than beneficial? Will not France and Spain always aim at dislodging us from places so circumstanced as those I have mentioned? To obtain and *preserve* Peace, or maintain the War, ought we not to listen to the *demands of Ireland* with the most perfect attention, and shew the most hearty desire to give her ample proof of our inclination to redress *all* her grievances?

Who will say we ought not to promote a combination of interests with *America*? and to do which, what lengths ought we not to go to regain their affection, before the *entire extinction of our Manufacturing Bodies*?

The Writer of this, from observations made upon the spot, asserts, that neither Canada or Nova Scotia will ever make returns answerable to the Civil and Military Establishments that will be necessary, if the other Provinces continue *hostile*. Besides, the one is shut up from you half
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