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gling, in comparison to what England doth.— This is owing to the Strictness of their Government, the many Spies they have upon every Man's Actions, and being able to punish the slightest Offence more severely, and in a more fummary Way than we can, or is consistent with a free Constitution to do.

The Principal DISADVANTAGES of FRANCE with regard to TRADE.

HE first Disadvantage to a free 1.7 Trade is the Government, which is arbitrary and despotick; and therefore such as a Merchant would not chuse to live under, if he knows the Sweets of Liberty in another Country, and has no Attachment of Family, or Interest to keep him still in France. - It must be acknowledged, his Property, generally speaking, is fecure enough, but his Person is To explain this, we must beg Leave not fo. to observe, That though there are fixed and stated Laws in France to decide all Cafes of Property, and criminal Caufes, as here in England; fo that a Man may know the Rules he is to be governed by in those Respects, and can have an open Trial for his Life and Fortune:

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