

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 summary Way than we can, or is consistent with a free Constitution to do.



*The Principal DISADVANTAGES of
FRANCE with regard to TRADE.*

I. **T**HE first Disadvantage to a free 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 *secure* enough, but his *Person* is not so. To explain this, we must beg Leave to observe, That though there are *fixed* and *stated* Laws in *France* to decide all Cases of *Property*, and *criminal* Causes, as here in *England*; so 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: