

but a new and more spirited Policy ; together with a generous Removal of all Obstructions, except the Cession of *Gibraltar* *, to the Renewal of that excellent Treaty made in the Year 1715 ; by which all the beneficial Stipulations of former Treaties were revived, and many new Advantages conceded to us. Among others it was mutually agreed, that neither Kingdom should impose *any new Duties upon each others Merchandize*. An Advantage lost by the last War, and not restored by the subsequent Pacification. Nay, the grand Obstruction to our Navigation in the *American Seas*, by the Spanish *Claim of Right to search our Ships*, which occasioned the last War, has been ingloriously forgotten at the Conclusion of it. But it is humbly hoped the Legislature will take these Circumstances under Consideration ; and particularly repeal that Law, by which an Impost of 5 *per Cent.* was laid upon all dry Goods † imported, (under which the Fruits, Iron, Wool, &c. of *Spain* are comprehended)

* Whoever consents to the Surrender of *Gibraltar* to *Spain*, without an *Equivalent*, ought to be stigmatized as an Enemy to his Country : But yet it may be a right Policy to surrender that important Fortress for a *full Equivalent*, less important to the Honour and Interest of *Spain*, but more advantageous to *Britain*, as a Place of Trade and valuable Productions : For if a Fleet at *Minorca* cannot be stationed so well to prevent the Junction of *French Squadrons* ; yet if we are firmly united to *Spain* in Alliance, all their Ports will be as open to our Fleets, in case of a War, as *Gibraltar* is at present.

† In Consequence of this Duty on our Part, *Spain* has added new Duties on the Merchandize of *Britain*.

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