

These grand projects seemed for some time to be what the French had actually in view, and the more to convince all Europe, that this was really there intention, a great many of their ship-carpenters were for several months closely employed in building a surprizing number of flat-bottomed boats in their ports, to be made use of as transports, and it was given out in September last, that they were ready to put to sea; and to make it appear the more probable, a considerable number of

“ In the progress of the war, we have had innumerable specimens of this great monarch’s vigour and vigilance. Oppressed by numbers, deserted by those whose cause he supported, attacked on every side, he was not discouraged, much less destroyed. His prudence suggested to him such dispositions of his forces, that, with all their superiority, the enemies found themselves every where opposed, and where danger pressed most, thither resorted the King in person. The shame of being not resisted only, but vanquished in so unequal a dispute, kept the allies united. Resentment held together those whom ambition originally connected. The perseverance of our hero was equal to his resolution; their new schemes were broken, and that they might not reproach each other, he beat in pitched battles every one of the allies. Every post brought us news of his impending destruction by Austrians, French, or Russians; every succeeding post acquainted us with his triumphs over these vain-glorious invaders, till fame seemed to grow hoarse with sounding the praises of Frederick the Great. Such is the ally that Britain adopted, of such an ally, Can Britain ever be ashamed?”