

*think of those, who with so much Rancour oppose those Alliances, at home ?*

Perhaps it may be excepted to the Examples which I have given, that, in these early Times, we had less Trade, and a smaller Maritime Force than we now have ; and that we were therefore under a Necessity, of taking the Part, which we then took upon the Continent. But, in answer to this, it must not be forgot, that we were then an Island, as well as now ; and that we were equally well protected by our Situation from all Danger of an Invasion. If we had not then considerable Fleets, yet our Fleets, when we thought proper to turn our Strength that Way, were more considerable than those of *France*, as our Trade was, even at that Time. In the Reign of *Queen Elizabeth* we had a greater naval Force than any Power in *Europe* after the Defeat of the *Armada* ; and yet that sagacious Princess, and the wise Advisers she had, during the long Course of her memorable Reign, never thought they acted weakly in maintaining Armies, and expending considerable Sums upon the Continent. Indeed, had our Ministry deviated from these Maxims of sound Policy, observed by all wise States, who never go to War without first looking out for Alliances ; had they, when the Injuries we had suffered, and the Resentment of the Nation called upon them to act in an hostile Manner, had they, neglected to secure us one Ally on the Continent ; had they formed no Treaties, stipulated for