

But, leaving this apparently invidious Subject, let us consider what Reasons we may have to flatter ourselves with the Continuation of our present Superiority in the War, either from our own peculiar Abilities to prosecute it, or those which our late Advantages over the Enemy may have given us.

Perhaps, a View of our present Circumstances, stript of that Gloss and false Colouring, which recent Success has thrown upon the Perspective, will not be pleasing. Nay, were it not contrasted to some Advantage by the more cloudy Prospect of the Situation of the Enemy, it were enough to make us tremble at our own.

The Government an hundred Millions in Debt, the necessary Expences of the War increasing this immense Sum yearly, by additional Millions, in what can this monstrous Burthen of national Credit end? Will not the enormous Weight of such a Debt very soon infallibly crush the Author of its Being? Nay, what shall we not have to fear on this Account, even though a speedy Peace should enable us to sit down with only a few Millions added to the present Sum?

Might we not, in speaking on this Subject, join heartily with the zealous Patriot, who lately expressed his Apprehensions for the Independency of the Constitution, when reflecting on that infinite Dependance on the Crown, that has been created by Means of the national *Debt* \*?

\* See a Letter to *Two Great Men*, p. 44.