

lost, then the great Variation in the Trade of *France* with *England* and *Holland* ceases to be surprising.

FROM these Facts and Numbers this Conclusion may be fairly drawn—Upon a *Prohibition* of Trade with *France*, or such high Duties as shall effectually *exclude* her Manufactures, depend the very Being and Prosperity of our own. If I am mistaken in this, I am ready upon Conviction to retract: in the mean time it becomes me to be modest; for to be sure the Point was not so clear about thirty Years ago, when the Merits of the celebrated Treaty of Commerce with *France* were debated in that Assembly, of which you are now a Member. Then, as I have heard, Opinions were pretty equally divided about it. If that Treaty was exploded as Destructive and Pernicious, and violently opposed for that reason by some *untoward* People on one hand, the great Advantages stipulated by it to *Britain*, were much insisted upon, and no less gloried in on the other, by some eminent Patriots (thank God) still living, and as much distinguish'd as ever they were by their enlarged and liberal Principles of Religion and Government.

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