

it, had any Share in my Motives for mentioning this Affair; but I own I was willing to give an Instance of the Presumption and Self-sufficiency of Men, who did not stand in need of the Advice of the great Council of the Nation upon the whole, or any part of this Treaty, though sitting at the Time of their Negotiation. Nor is it possible on this Occasion to forget that ever-memorable Proclamation of the 6th of *August*, 1748, enjoining a Cessation of Hostilities between *Spain* and *Great Britain* to be observed after the End of twelve Days, to be computed from the 17th of *June* Old Stile, which was near six Weeks before the Date of the Proclamation. And even the Proclamation of *May* the 7th enjoining a Cessation of Hostilities with *France* after the End of twelve Days, to be computed from the 19th of *April* Old Stile, is, though in a less Degree, liable to the like Objection. Nor is there any Excuse to be drawn for this Delay from the Time employed in the Exchange of the Ratifications; for at that rate the Proclamation ought not to have come out so early as the 7th of *May*, for the Ratifications were exchanged on the 21st of *May*. But what affects me with the greatest Concern, as being of the utmost