

HAVING laid down these Precautions, let us rest awhile to describe the present Power of *France*, that *England* may not only discern the Danger, but at the same Time guard against it with timely Care and Conduct. We all know that in Extent of Country, *France*, by her Incroachments on the neighbouring States, exceeds any whose Dominions are near enough to give her Umbrage ; here she is evidently the Superior : Add to this, if we reflect on her Lands abroad, we find her Settlements flourishing in Wealth and Plenty, remitting the Conveniences of Life to their parent Country ; and well defended from foreign Insults. At home we see, it is true, the Commons in extreme Poverty ; but the Public immensely rich ; we see the People, amidst their apparent Misery, still ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes for the Glory of their Monarch : We see them tamely submit to the Oppression of a military Force, which makes all *Europe* tremble ; we see them chearful, under a Tyranny which they can never exchange for Freedom ; and enriched with the Follies of those with whom they have Dealings. In Policy are they not allowed to excel ? Are
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