the People, to pay the Intereſt of the publick Debt, as if properly applied would have defrayed the current Service of the Year. Let any honeſt ſenſible Man lay his Hand upon his Heart, and ſay whether it is wiſe and honeſt to raiſe upon the People juſt as much again as there is any Occaſion for. If we are really rich, why are we in Debt? Whoſe Intereſt is it to keep us in this Situation, to anticipate our Funds, and to apply that to the Payment of Intereſt, which if raiſed in a proper Time, and appropriated to proper Purpoſes, would have kept us from paying Intereſt at all? If we are really poor, ſo poor as that it is neceſſary for us to run in Debt, as a Nation, for the current Service of the Year, that is for what is requiſite to ſupport our Government; why do we boaſt our Riches, or why do we purſue ſuch a Conduct, as muſt draw us into ſo vaſt an Expence, as if we were really rich, muſt ſooner or later render us poor.

Theſe are Queſtions that any Man who thinks a little muſt be tempted to ask, and they are Queſtions that the ableſt of our Politicians, let him think as long as he will, can never anſwer to any reaſonable Man's Satisfaction.

But if all that has been ſaid ſhould go for nothing, if we muſt lay aſide all Thoughts of our own Affairs, all Concern for our own Condition, all Regard for the Fate of our Poſterity, in order to ſecure the Ballance of Power, and preſerve Things from going to Wreck on the Continent; I ſay if this be all we have to think of, let us know why, to what Purpoſe, and how long we are to think of this. I have already ſhewn, that with Reſpect to the Intereſt of *Creat Britain*, we have generally ſpeaking run into great Miſtakes, about the Ballance of Power, and by running into theſe Miſtakes,