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loss, to that haughty, and all-grasping power which has incurred it ; a loss which she will much longer feel and mourn, than we did that of the island of Minorca, at the beginning of the present war, during a less watchful ministry than the present. And to Great-Britain, this acquisition alone, if maintained, will probably much more than make good all the damage she sustained in the former respect ; which, if I mistake not, time and experience make still less and less considerable.

BUT while our thoughts are in that part of the world, where so valuable and noble an acquisition has been made, by the blessing of God on the British arms, while our thoughts are engaged in that part of the world, I say, and on so worthy and joyful an occasion ; what is it that still gives a kind of damp to my spirits ; or rather, raises my indignation ? While a British fleet rides safely and quietly in port, do I see an inferior French one sailing, in a kind of triumph, from port to port, from island to island, from one month to another ? Do I see our merchantmen, by scores, or hundreds, taken within hearing of the British cannon, if they were but discharged ? Do I see them carried into port, in vast numbers, even by the enemy's privateers, from within a few leagues of our fleet, which looks patiently on ? Do I hear our enemies saying, with scorn and insult, " Where is the boasted courage of these Britons, who vainly pretend to be lords of the ocean ? " And do I hear even some of our friends whispering, " that all British commanders have not the spirit which becomes their character ? "—But perhaps all this is but a reverie : If so, I will trouble you no longer with my dreams : But even dreams are not always false ; and if there should happen to be any thing of reality in this, such things will