

other three parts of the world: so that France, Spain, Russia, and even the Protestant Emperor himself, notwithstanding his craving and enterprizing spirit, would be glad to court our friendship, if not pay us tribute. The difficulty of peopling and defending these vast possessions, I acknowledge is not so easily got over—but as we might embody the militia of Africa, and march the trained-bands of Asia, if necessity should require, by incorporating a few of our regulars with, and establishing a proper discipline in those quarters, this obstacle would not be insurmountable; especially as our continental friends, ever ready at emigration, would flock thither in shoals upon the least encouragement. The Germans would certainly be glad of any other country, since they will not defend their own, without being paid for it by foreigners, who have no interest in their protection.

Our missing of these great and extensive conquests may, my Lord, be looked upon amongst the most striking disadvantages of patching up this rash and precipitate peace. It is true, they cannot be considered as more than negative disadvantages, whilst the benign influence and blessings of tranquillity are sure and permanent—nourishing our manufactures, cherishing our trade, and circulating our riches to every corner of the island,