

there was nothing wanting, but such a Declaration to have carried the War into the Heart of France. This enables us to make Sense of Colonel Mentzel's Declaration, and to account for the Inactivity of the Campaign, after so extraordinary a Piece. That Declaration was undoubtedly made, with a View to feel the Pulse of the Diet, and if that had beat high, the most vigorous Measures would certainly have been pursued; but as it did not, it became expedient, to say the Truth, it became necessary, to temporise, 'till a new Plan could be formed. But surely after having pushed Matters so far, as to be thoroughly convinced that we have neither Power enough to force, or Policy enough to persuade the Germanick Body, that all Things are to be sacrificed to the gratifying our Hatred or Fear of France, we ought in Time to turn our Thoughts homeward, in Order to take Care of our own Concerns.

Upon doing this, it plainly appears, from the same Lights of Reason and Experience,

That foreign Wars have been equally fatal to English Princes, and to the English Nation, and that however they may at some times contribute to raise the Reputation of either, they have in the End weakened the Power and destroyed the Happiness of both. This has been rendered clear from the History of various Reigns, shewn to be the Sense of our Kings, from their private Letters and publick Declarations, and proved to be the Sentiments of our Ancestors from the most authentick Records. On the other Hand, it has been as fully demonstrated, that a contrary Conduct has been the Source of the Wealth, Trade, and Influence of these Kingdoms, in the several Reigns which make the most shining Figures in our Chronicles, so that if we will either trust to the Opinions of our Ancestors, to the Evidence arising from Experience of past Times, or to our own Reason, we must be  
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