

But with Regard to the *Barbary* States, as *Corfairs*, let me ask, if they would not still court us more for the Asylum of *Gibraltar*, if *Minorca* was in the Hands of the *Spaniards*? because their Difficulties would be encreased, and *Gibraltar* become to them a friendly Port, still more necessary and precious.—However, it is not a Question, but that in our Treaty we should insist upon its Restitution. The Honour of our Nation would have been too much sacrificed to have neglected it. All I contend for is, that its Utility seems by no Means to preponderate its late Expence, and that we ought in Prudence, either to retain it in a less expensive State, or seek to exchange it with *Spain* for something more advantageous, which might reciprocally satisfy both Powers.

Did the Author think it of any Moment to the Public to declare himself farther on this Subject, he could affirm, that War is his Harvest, but that his voluntary Pen, like his Heart, rejects all

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