

really the State of the Nation, what an Aggravation is it of that cruel Conduct of our Ministry in disconcerting (while any Strength remained) every Plan of Operation, and rejecting every Overture of Peace? What an Aggravation is it of that Profusion or Rapaciousness with which the Public Money has been either squandered or purloined during this War; since if any Gentleman will give himself the Trouble of consulting the Journals of Parliament, where the Expences of Queen *Anne's* War are particularly and minutely entered, he will find that during this War we have paid in some Instances two or three times more, in others four or five times more, than we paid in the Queen's War, for the very same Things? What an Aggravation is it of that merciless Usage with which the People of *Great Britain* have been treated, on whom near seven Millions were raised for the Year 1748, though a Peace was evidently pre-determined? As great however as our Expences have been, it is a mere Jest to say that six or seven Millions (and for that Sum you might have prolonged the War two Years, since the Money was actually raised for the Year 1748, though a pacifick Year) would have