

100, of *that great question* upon continental connections, which in his words "has been so long agitated," and "has now been determined:" "all parties happily agree, that it (*Britain*) must have its continental connections." But "this is the first time these terms have been heard of in political debate; and this great question—never was a question before," p. 101.

*Ibid.* "The terms understood in their most general sense seem to be too general to be ever agitated at all; because it is impossible for any man to say, that there may not arise some certain occasions and circumstances of affairs" (he might have said, it is impossible to say that such have not arisen) "which may unavoidably force us to have some connection with the continent." Many such have arisen, in which the terms of that great question have been agitated incomparably oftener and more strenuously since the act of settlement than before. No one question has been so much agitated; nor was it determined then, nor more happily settled now, but in consequence of long and repeated debates, in which others had the merit of that discovery, which our author would assume to himself, that *England* should intrench herself within herself, and have no concern with the continent in *Europe*. Here our author is an errant plagiarist.