

more especially as they have been the first Aggressors in attacking and invading our said Colonies : And this would be the more agreeable to such of our wise Politicians as are afraid of a French War ; but, if this Notion should so prevail as to terrify us from attacking Quebeck and Montreal, and totally driving them out of all that Continent now we have it in our Power, it will be giving the French Time to send more Troops there, and oblige us to keep a continual Standing Army, to guard our Frontiers, 'till we are quite exhausted, and then declare War, when we are not in a Condition to oppose them. Therefore, the driving them back into their own Colonies will serve only to bring on an Expence which may become Ten Times greater than what is now required to do the Business effectually, and our Trade to all America fall a declining all the while.

The French have already so wormed us out of all the Spanish Trade to America as to draw a Ballance of above Two Millions Sterling ; and, as they have seen the Spanish Depredations taken so little Notice of, they have been encouraged to do the same by taking and confiscating several of our Ships on Pretence of their approaching too near their Sugar-islands, when in reality they only pass and repass to and from our own Islands and Colonies, and sometimes are drove upon their Coast by mere Stress of Weather. They have also possessed themselves of several of the Neutral Islands.

Their lately forcing and defeating our Troops in Virginia has put that Colony, Maryland, Carolina, and Georgia, into such Confusion, that the Consequence may soon prove dreadful ; because that, in all those Four Colonies, there are above Eight Negro-slaves to each White Man, who, if the French do but promise them Liberty, may rise and massacre every White Man, Woman, and Child, in the said Colonies. These poor People have been crying out to their Mother-Country for Help these Two Years, but were told by our wise Politicians, *They must defend themselves with their Militia*. It's true, that their Number of Militia may amount to several Thousands ; but, as both Master and Man of all the White Men in those said Colo-