

be every Thing to *France* in her Scheme of Aggrandisement in *Europe*. What added to the Advantage of extending herself upon that Side, was the Ease with which it might be accomplished. *England* had been supine enough with Regard to the Colonies; they grew to what they are, more from their own excellent Situation, and the Influence of the *English* Liberty and Laws, which they carried into the Desarts, than by any extraordinary Encouragement from Home; and as for the other Powers of *Europe*, they expected but little Opposition from them; as the Object was very remote, and none of them had any immediate Concern in it; add to this, that the grossest Ignorance of *American* Affairs prevailed almost universally. In many of these Points, *France* was undoubtedly not at all mistaken; she made an insensible, but not an inconsiderable Progress; her Encroachments were very great; and she supported them with Forts and Garrisons; gained the Natives to their Interests, and omitted nothing to extend and secure their Settlements upon every Side.

The Importance of our Colonies and their Danger appeared to us at the same Time; this brought on a Quarrel between us and *France*; and this Quarrel brought the Rest of *Europe* to attend to *America* and to be interested in the Success of the contending Parties there. *America*, is now added to the System of *Europe*. This is a real Revolution, and begins a new and a memorable Æra in Po-