

of the Burthen we groan under, in order to maintain an unequal, unsuccessful Conflict. But this being a Subject as ungrateful to myself as it must be to you, and withal too delicate to be treated publickly, I chuse to wave it at present, in order to come to that which chiefly occasioned this Address to you.

As then I can't gain upon myself to believe, that any Difficulties will arise, in regard to *Italy* and the *Netherlands*, which can weigh with a *British* Ministry, to continue the War, under almost insuperable Hardships, I must suppose that *Spain* and *France* may insist on certain *Restitutions*, which may afford a colourable Pretext for its Continuance. This is the Point I would discuss; this the Obstruction I shall endeavour to remove, because I think the removing it would be serving my Country essentially. I am sensible of the unpopularity of the Task I have imposed on myself; but so strong is my Bias to serve a bleeding, brave Nation, that I scruple not hazarding the Loss of their good Opinion, in attempting to wean them from *Prejudices* injurious to their Interest and Welfare. And, Sir, I address my Thoughts on the Subject to you, because I think you most capable of any Gentleman in the Kingdom