

THIS is the general Scheme of the Author: And I have ventured to make such Additions to it, as, I hope, are consistent with his good Design. I shall therefore make no Apology for each particular Alteration; And only observe with respect to the 5th and the 17th Articles, *i. e.* The Distinction between drinking *French* Wines, and *other* Wines (which are the principal Alterations) that they both seem to me to be highly necessary. The Author indeed makes no Difference throughout the Treatise between promoting the Consumption of *French* Wine or *Port* Wine, as if it was the same to the Commerce of this Kingdom: But, though I acknowledge with Pleasure the Instruction I have received in other Parts of the Science of Commerce, I cannot follow him in this; and must still stick to the Maxims of all the former Writers on Trade, till I can see more Reason to alter my Opinion. If *French* Clarets, *Burgundy*, and *Champagne*, were as cheap as *Port*, few Men would hesitate long which to choose. The *British* Merchant, I think, has satisfactorily proved, That were we to abolish all Duties on *French* Goods, and they to do the same on *English* (as was partly the Scheme of the Ministry during the four last Years of *Queen Ann*) the Consequence would be, at least, for a great many Years, That *England* would be over-run with *French* Silks, Laces, Wines, Brandies,