

that the *French*, by the great superiority of their numbers, would prevail against the army of the allies, tho' commanded by one of the ablest generals of the age: and have been surprized at finding that they have been baffled. Would it have been surprising then, if at length they had carried their point! I will venture to say, that very few would have wondered at it, while almost all had wondered, that they had not carried it before. Had our affairs required it, we could have had little or no assistance from *Prussia*; he would either have had full employ for his troops in opposing the *Austrians*; or would have lost no opportunity of giving them a home thrust when he had got them at an advantage, in order to have helped us, when there was no more subsidy treaty existing, and we had so much in hand with which to make restitution. Would it not have been too great a venture to have refused agreeing to the present terms, and to have prosecuted the war, when attended in different places with so much uncertainty, even the improbability of success: I say, different places, with a view to *Portugal*. The *Spaniards*, humanly speaking, must have made themselves masters of it, in another campaign. And however some may talk, we must have parted with more or less of our conquests to have redeemed it. It is really diverting to hear it said, that had the *Spaniards* conquered and retained *Portugal*, we should have been gainers by it, as we should have had a direct trade to *Brazil*. It is not only *likely* and *highly probable* then,