

Bargain on our Side; and yet, by his own Confession, this same eminent Statesman did not even know whereabouts the Isle of *Sheepey*, at the Mouth of the Thames, was situated.

I make no scruple, however, that our present Administration are well apprized of the Importance of *Newport* and *Ostend*, and that they are under no very great Apprehensions of there being a Port opened on that Coast, from which this Nation has so much hereafter to fear, as to make it now worth while to sacrifice any Thing of Consequence to prevent its falling into the Hands of the *French*.

If the Queen of Hungary were, indeed, our Ally, and had suffered in our Cause, something might be said for it: But, as it is otherwise, and we can place no Dependance on her Honour or Gratitude, who knows but, after we should have purchased the Evacuation of these Towns of the French, she might put them again into their Hands? Is she not capable of it? *Ingratum si dixeris, omnia dixeris.*

But, supposing it be not quite so prudent to leave the Flemish Towns, now in the Possession of the French, in their Hands, at a Peace; all that we can at present propose to do, is either on Consideration of their evacuating them, to recede from the Demolition of the Fortifications of *Louisbourg*; or in Lieu of it to pay them a Sum of Money, as a better and more acceptable Equivalent.

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