

seemed to have restored the Balance we pursued, and secured the Liberty of *Europe*, see with what Success she carried on the War against King *Philip* in *Italy*, *Spain*, and the *Low Countries*. Behold upon what disadvantageous Terms she forced that Prince to make Peace in the Year 1659.

I will venture to tell you a Thing, tho' contrary to that Opinion which I find at present in *ENGLAND*, is nevertheless very true; that as soon as that Peace (the *Pyrenean Treaty*) was signed the Balance of the two Powers was destroy'd. FROM THAT FATAL DAY THE INFLUENCE OF *FRANCE* REACHED FROM ONE END OF THE WORLD TO THE OTHER, ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION. IT WAS FELT IN THE EAST AND WEST-INDIES, BY THE ENLARGING OF THEIR TRADE, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF SEVERAL COMPANIES; which is the principal Cause of our present Complaint in the *East* and *West-Indies*. In *Lorrain*, by the Oppression of Duke *Charles*, and his Subjects; in *Spain*, by the solemn Reparation *France* exacted from King *Philip*, about the Dispute that happen'd between the two Ambassadors; in *England*, by the Sale of *Dunkirk*; at *Genoa*, by the Necessity that was impos'd on that Republick, to expel Cardinal *Imperiali*, one of their Nobles, who had taken Sanctuary there; in *Africa*, by the Wars against *Tunis*, *Algier*, and *Tripoli*; at *Rome*, by the Treaty