

Then after treating of the Means Britain has to take the Enemy's Sea-Ports, and destroy their Shipping, I shall just give a short Sketch of the Method that was designed for the better manning the Navy, which was not my own; but since Mr. *Hume's* and Mr. *Blake's* Plan, have appeared, it will be needless to enlarge further on that Head, so shall conclude with some Observations tending to show the great Advantages Britain has, and may keep if she pleases, over all the Powers of Europe.

It appears to me so very easy (in fine Weather) to lay Bodies in the Sea (which the Enemy from the greatest Batteries cannot sink; indeed a chance Shell may do Mischief to some of such Bodies, but the Uncertainty of Shells hitting a Ship is so great, that Shells in this Case need be little regarded) before Forts and Batteries, that will usually prevent the Cannon on Shore from doing any considerable Damage to the Hulls of Ships which are running past, that I cannot but think it something strange that Britain has not attempted something of this Kind to go into the French Harbours and destroy their Ships.

It seems to me very practicable that old Ships of War, as before mentioned (or other Bodies made on Purpose) may be laid before the Batteries at the Entrance of any Harbour, (or any Place I have seen) that Men of War may run into the Harbour under such Cover, with Safety as to their Hulls.

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