

Glory and Reputation of *France*? His genuine Character is to be found in his Writings; there he appears to be a Man of Inquiry and Candour, equally zealous for Truth, and for the Prosperity of his Country.

As to the Opinion that the Revenues of *France* are above 10 Millions *Sterl. per Ann.* clear of all Deductions, it may be asked how it came to prevail so generally among us? For my own part I cannot help looking upon it to be originally of foreign Growth, and imported by our Fine Gentlemen when they returned from their Travels. Pardon me, Sir, I mean only such of them as are above the trouble of Inquiry and Observation, or carry abroad with them only a stolid artless Curiosity at best; and so content themselves with the first Account of Things they meet with on the Road, or pick up in a Coffee-House, perhaps from some ignorant *Frenchman*; and you know how extravagantly they magnify to Strangers the Riches and Power of their Country. For Instance, if you ask them how much