

and the Construction of their great Offices, and in particular of their Council or Board of Commerce, that we may be the better enabled to judge of their Strength, Designs and Connections in *America*.

The Policy and Genius of all Governments are best discerned by their Course of Proceedings in their respective Offices, which ought to be principally attended to in all Negotiations relative to Trade and Commerce.

I have therefore endeavoured to inform myself on this Subject in relation to *France*; and as my only View in publishing the following