

he gave them. What a Field would such a Proceeding at this Day have opened to the *popular Declaimer*; how pathetically would he have complained *in every Harangue* “ to see  
 “ not only so many sovereign, and so many  
 “ subordinate Princes, and not only Princes,  
 “ but petty Lords, subsidized almost all over  
 “ *Europe*, in *Germany*, in the *Low Countries*, in  
 “ *France*, every where; and the Treasure of  
 “ *England*, the vital Blood of the Nation,  
 “ streaming from a thousand Wounds, and  
 “ transfused into a thousand foreign Chan-  
 “ nels.” And yet at this Time *England* bore  
 a much smaller Proportion in Point of Wealth  
 to those Countries, and a much larger one in  
 Point of idle Hands, than she does now, with-  
 out all Comparison; and notwithstanding, this  
 Conduct of our Princes, has been censured by  
 no Historian; on the contrary, it has ever  
 been highly and justly commended, and held  
 up as a Pattern to all succeeding Monarchs.  
 The Example of *Edward I.* was followed  
 by *Edward III.* *Henry V.* trod in the same  
 Steps; and indeed all our Kings, except such  
 as were a Disgrace to their Thrones, and a  
 Misfortune to their People, never slighted the  
 Continent, from the earliest Accounts we  
 have, to the present most interesting Period.  
 And here I appeal to the Hearts of those, who  
 oppose our Treaties, whether they think we  
 could do any Thing more acceptable to our  
 Enemies, than to drop all Connection with  
 the Continent, and renounce these subsidiary

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