

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