' First, IT WILL GREATLY WEAKEN THE FRENCH POWER AT SEA, BY DESTOYING ' SO GREAT A NURSERY OF THEIR SEAMEN. ' Secondly, WE SHALL LOSE A DANGEROUS RIVAL IN OUR SUGAR TRADE AS WELL AS SOME OTHERS, WHICH THEY WILL HAVE 'COMMON WITH US, BY MEANS OF THEIR 'COLONIES IN THE SOUTHERN ISLES. And 'Thirdly, This will very much increase 'OUR TRADE IN AFRICA, FOR NEGROES, 'AND RUINE THAT OF THE FRENCH *. ' For every One knows that none can carry on a Trade for Negroes but fuch as have a 'Footing in America. The Consequence ' therefore of our expelling the French, will ' be, that the Spaniards must depend abso-'lutely upon us for their Negroes, without 'which their Mines will be barren, besides ' that our Power being freed from fuch a Rivalship will be so much superior to any 'Thing in those Parts of the World, that the 'Spaniards can have no Ballance nor Force there to protect them against us: so that, for Fear of their Plate Fleets, and of their

^{*}It was remarked by the Italians, after the French had got Possession in their Country, that they were continually involved in Wars and Disorders; which caused One of them to say,—
"We shall have no Peace in Italy while the French have any Footing among us: and that raised so fierce a Hatred against them, that, when Opportunity offered, they were sure to be destroyed. From that, and other Causes, Italy has been called, The Grave of the Frenchmen. And, we hope, in Time that of the Italies will be so called, since they will not let us peaceably enjoy our just Rights in those Parts of the World,