

that empty Sound of Words, that *Maeſtricht* was delivered up, lest a Shade should be cast on the Victories of Count *Saxe*. Had Count *Saxe* been baffled in the Siege of *Maeſtricht* by any Act of War, it had been inglorious, but it could not cast the least Shadow on his Honour, to have been prevented from taking it by a Peace. Now say they, it is no Breach of Charity, after tracing them in their low Cunning in the Affair of *Maeſtricht*, and by judging from similar Actions, to believe that they contrived to lower the Price of the Subscriptions, in Order to make use of that Circumstance as an Argument that *Great Britain* was under a Necessity of putting an End to the War on any Terms, and to enhance the Value of the Peace. It has already appeared in what Condition *France* was for carrying on the War: And as to *Great Britain*, this Argument for Peace, drawn from the exhausted State of the Nation, is so blended with the *seeming*, though *mistaken* Interest of such Numbers of People who look no farther than the present Instant, that if it had been urged at any Point of Time past, it would have had more than its due Weight. But if this is now