

importance to her, as her whole fortune depends upon the sea; where we can do her, or all other nations, the greatest hurt, or the greatest service. Were these the only advantages which might arise to Great Britain from the possession of the Havanna in the time of peace, they might justly be deemed of inestimable value: but there is another, which, the more it is considered, will rise in its importance, and strike stronger and stronger conviction on the mind. Of the policy and conduct of all the Christian powers, no effort is so immediately threatening and destructive to this nation in particular, and to all Europe in general, as the close federal union, comprehended under the family compact between France and Spain. None ever was made with so fair and compleat a view of effecting