

of Religion, wh^{ch} should always link together *Great Britain* and the *United Provinces*; but at every turn to sacrifice the National-Interest to what Folly, or Faction, is pleas'd to call the Common-Concern of Religion, rather argues Fear and Weakness in the State, than the Piety and Wisdom in the Rulers.

When our Neighbours are plainly discern'd to engross any Foreign Business, tho' to our Prejudice; this working by the Rules of Justice, can never be deem'd a sufficient Ground of Quarrel: For Trade in some Sense, is *Fere Nature et primi Occupaulis*; and whenever we neglect any Branch of it, it becomes a Derelict, which the first Approacher may legally take in to his own Possession: However, let such Transactions be call'd Incroachments, or Unkind Intrusion they should always be compos'd in such a friendly manner, as to avoid an immediate Breach, and to prevent sowing the Seeds of future Wars.

It would be thought absurd if one Neighbour shou'd differ with another, for being more Frugal, Vigilant, Active, and consequently to Thrive better than himself: On the contrary, he is to Emulate this Man, and as near as possible to square his own Actions by those Rules which he finds have made the other Prosperous: This likewise holds between Countries that are Rivals in the same Mysterries; and if you will ever pretend to out-do the *Dutch* in Trade, we

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