

Nations who go to war, have no directory but the sword. But allowing Great-Britain to be as mean and contemptible a power as Corfica itself; (supposing Corfica to be a sovereign state) is she to bear an insult from a neighbouring power, because that neighbour is a garagantua? Sovereign states have no appeal that they can make to their superiors; but a wise state, ever so feeble, will make a struggle in defence of its independency, be its enemy ever so powerful. The consideration, therefore, of inequality of power between Great-Britain and France must drop to the ground, unless it can be proved that the cause in which we fight is unjust: a task which I apprehend the considerer himself will be far from attempting.

The considerer, as if conscious that his general reasoning upon the inequality of force between the two states cannot bear the test of reason, proceeds to shew that Great-Britain is in the wrong to carry on a war in Germany against France. In order to introduce this reasoning, he lays down certain maxims, every one of which in fact, as well as in speculation, are false and trite. Every school-boy knows that France, formerly, again