

Consequences to the Public, and Disgrace to themselves. Taking it therefore for granted, that this Remark in general is pretty well founded, I shall proceed to consider how far the Treaty which we have lately concluded is to be measured by this Maxim. And in the *First* Place it would seem necessary to enquire whether the War has been conducted in such a Manner as was most likely to answer the Ends for which it was first undertaken? *viz.* A just Reparation to our Merchants for the Losses which they had sustained by the Depredations of the *Spaniards*, and a proper Security against any Molestation of their Trade for the Time to come; and finally the Support of the Pragmatic Sanction, which was formerly thought to be so necessary for the Preservation of the Balance of Power in Europe. *2dly*, Whether at the time of making this fatal Treaty, we were under an absolute Necessity of submitting to such disadvantageous Terms? If not, whether the Declaration of War made by *France* against this Country, did not afford a much more cogent Reason for the Continuation of the War than any of the preceding Motives, great as they are, could form for the Commencement of it? As to the Management of the War, I shall refer the Reader to the Author of the *Examination of the Principles of the two B \* \* rs*, in which Pamphlet are produced so many strong Instances