

at *Aix*, I found that the Treaty was conducted by a B—— N——. My Wonder increased; I did not know what to believe, and what not to believe. But I have been since informed, that such was the Obstinacy and Rancour of *Spain*, with respect to the *British Merchants*, that she would not bear hearing any thing on that Head; that the Resolution of our Ministers to insist, and Address to procure Satisfaction in a direct and open way failing, they had Recourse to low Cunning, and obtained the Payment of a like Sum to his *Britannick* Majesty as Elector of *Hanover*, upon an old Score; but with this View, that the Money should really and truly be paid over to the *British* Merchants, who are said at this very Hour to be very sanguine in Expectation of receiving a Dividend each in Proportion to the Damages sustained. As I know you are very delicate in your Points of Faith, I have taken particular Care not to give you an improbable Story. However as nothing of this Sort appears in the Treaty, I have ventured to affirm that there is not a *British* Article in the whole.

It is said that the *French* on their part give up all they had taken. This is not a Fact,