

sells of Course dearer, which in some Sort makes Amends for the Loss, and that the Duty paid is always considered with Interest in the Sale of the Goods to them that buy them. Add to this, which I believe no Body will deny, — If there should be a War, it will be undertaken to protect our Settlements abroad, and to get restored what has been unjustly severed from them, either in Peace or War; in which are included that of supporting our Trade and Navigation in the most sensible Parts: For, surely, it cannot be denied that the *Merchants* are highly concerned in the Event, especially if it be true what has been lately asserted, that our Trade to the *West Indies* only amounts to no less than Four Millions Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds yearly; and by that Branch no less than 300000 Seamen are employed. — In short, I think it useless to speak further, as to the *Merchants*, because former Experience has shewed that none of their Fellow Subjects have been more ready to assist with their Purse* and Persons whenever any Attempt has been made to infringe on the Rights and Liberty of these Kingdoms than they; so
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* Witness the Readiness of the late Sir *Theodore Janssen* and other eminent Merchants to assist the Government, when they were distressed during the Wars in the Reigns of the late King *William* and Queen *Ann*: And the same glorious Zeal to support the Public Credit was shewn by the *Merchants* of this great City in the late Rebellion.