

nour, and secure the Trade of your Country. And for this Reason, I assure myself, you will give your Sanction as a Legislator to, and approve as a Trader, any Peace that shall seem to you to answer the Ends for which the War was begun.

It need not be told you, who are so thoroughly versed in the Theory and Practice of Commerce, that a trading Nation should enter, reluctantly, upon even a just War, and should embrace, chearfully, Overtures of Peace, be such a War never so successful. This will ever hold a standing, as it is a salutary, Maxim, in regard to the whole World; because it can never be the Interest of a People subsisting by Trade and Industry, to be at Variance with any that take off their Products and Manufactures, not to mention the Expence and commercial Impediments that are the natural and necessary Concomitants of War.

But if it be sound Policy in a trading Community, if it be unalterably their Interest to live upon good Terms with all Nations with whom they have, or may hope to have Interchange of Commerce, how much more necessary does it appear that a Nation subsisting by Trade, should seek the Friendship, and cultivate the Esteem of a People from whom more commercial Advantages may