

any Descent on the Isle of *Bourbon*, or at *Pondicherry*, we might, in some Sense, have been said to have fitted out a costly Armament to fight against ourselves, as we must have made ample Reparation, by restoring whatever had been taken without any Diminution, which would inevitably have entailed a considerable Expence on the Publick, and made the Blow recoil on ourselves.

And with regard to the Sea, as the Treaty says that Ships, Merchandize, and Effects taken at Sea after three Months from *Cape St. Vincent* to the Line, whether in the Ocean or *Mediterranean* shall be restored, and the word Ocean is used indefinitely, without confining it to the *Western* or *Atlantick* Ocean, it comprehends the *Eastern* or *Indian* Ocean, lying on this Side of the Line; tho' in going there the Line must be twice crossed.

This Treaty was agreed on the 30th of *April*, an Account of it was publish'd in the beginning of *June* in the foreign Gazettes, when the Absurdity could not fail striking People of the least Discernment: It became publick Talk, not to say a *Jest*; and our Ministry, conscious of the Oversight, endeavoured to patch it up by the Declaration of the 8th of