

jections, which we are too weary of the war to think of at present. Is the Clamour for Peace a just Plea for *hurrying* or *patching* it up? One would have thought our Ministers had too much Experience to regard popular Clamours. It is well known, that a Faction can circulate them by one Post throughout the Kingdom. Perhaps the M——y may be at the Bottom of this, and, to justify their Measures, put the People upon demanding them. But these Arts won't satisfy a judicious Examiner. Such a one will say, is this the End of War, to spend Thirty Millions, and then make a Peace? Have we almost ruined the *French* Trade, why not pursue that Advantage? the interior Parts of *France* are perishing for Want; their Finances are reduced by their Losses in Trade; and their Men must in another Year be sent from making Conquests, to till the Ground at Home. Would not a wise Ministry, at War with such a Nation, make the most of these Distresses, and wait till Necessity obliged them to leave the *Low Countries*, and then follow 'em to the Gates of *Paris*? Were we indeed at a Loss for the Sinews of War, that might amount to an Apology. But surely there