

great Quantity of Specie that circulates seems to shew that there is no Weight in these Arguments, and that we are still in a Condition to carry on our Share of a general War, without any Danger of Ruin. I must beg leave to offer the following Particulars to the Consideration of such as believe there is any Weight in this Objection. That this is a Matter not capable of the necessary Proof, I mean such a Proof as is requisite to support the Objection; for Wealth in particular Hands, or Wealth in particular Places, is no certain Sign of the general Riches of a Country, but rather the contrary; and I desire that every sensible Man would examine, and reflect, whether Plate, Jewels, and valuable Effects, are more conspicuous in the Houses of Traders, Manufacturers, Farmers, and such like industrious People, who cannot enrich themselves, without enriching the Nation, or whether they are in the Hands of another Sort of People, who may, who indeed must grow rich, by the Pursuit of Measures beneficial to themselves, however destructive to the Nation. That all this Shew of Wealth depends intirely upon our publick Credit, while that subsists we must preserve it, if that should fail this must vanish. A Man deeply in Debt, may have his House richly furnished, but if his Creditors fall upon him, he who had yesterday a Cupboard of Plate, may to-morrow want an Earthen Cup for his Small-Beer. That it is not impossible our very Specie may be owing to our publick Debts, for while all *Europe* is in Confusion, while we are raising Money upon Interest, and the publick Faith of this Nation is regarded (as I hope it ever will) as an indubitable Security, it is highly probable that our Neighbours, while they are possessed of any Money, will send it over hither, in order