

Picardy, amount to no less than 150,000 *l. Sterl. per Annum*; a strong Proof that this Manufacture is no new Acquisition to *France*. Mr. *Fortry* in the same Book, makes the Value of all the Goods imported from *France* into *England* amount to 2,600,000 *l. per Annum* *. About the same Time the general Exports from *France* were computed at 6 Millions, 750 Thousand Pounds *Sterl. per Annum*, and upwards; and the general Ballance of Trade in her favour at 5 Millions *Sterl. per Annum*; so prodigious was the Consumption of *French* Commodities in Foreign Countries at that time.

WHAT is very remarkable, *France* was all this while without Merchants and without Shipping. The *French* were only Factors

* Mr. *Fortry* took the several Articles of this Account from a Memorial presented a little before that to the *French* Ministry, by the Companies of Merchants at *Paris*, in which there was a particular State of all the Manufactures of the Kingdom, their Quantities and Species, and to what Value they were annually exported to foreign Countries, distinguishing each Country, so that nothing could be more authentick.