

without leaving the Success of our Arms entirely to Chance? *Belleisle* is a Kind of Make-weight added to the rest: For, notwithstanding such Sums as have been expended in taking it, I know of no Use which it has been of to us, but to teach our Military Gentlemen Experience. Let us now look on the other Side of the Account, and we shall find, that we are indebted to this Gentleman for engaging us as Principals in a *German* War, which of late has cost us, besides the Loss of Men, little less than five Millions *Sterling per Annum*. And, for these two Years past, our Trade has been much exposed to the Enemy's Privateers, whilst many of our Ships have been idly alarming the Coast of *France*, and others as idly watching the River *Vilaine*: Whereas, had our Fleet been employed as