

believe, not much. The Quantity from *Ireland* is very *considerable*; which is owing to our own wrong Policy. The best of their raw Silk they draw from *Piemont*, the *Levant*, *Italy*, and *Spain*. Their Cotton is brought from the *Levant*, and from their Sugar Colonies. And the *Asbes* for making Soap at *Marseilles*, are chiefly imported from *Egypt*.

X. *They reap unspeakable Advantage, by the Permission and Encouragement given to Foreign Merchants and Manufacturers to settle among them.* — By this good Policy the Price of Labour is always kept *sufficiently low*. A *Competition* and *Emulation* are raised, *who shall work, and sell the cheapest*; which must turn out greatly to the *National Advantage*, though it may not be so favourable to the *private Interest of Individuals*. For these Reasons, the Government is particularly *gentle* and *indulgent* to *Foreigners*. And the Situation of the Country is greatly assistant to this Disposition of the Government. — *France* is surrounded with populous, that is, *prolifick* Nations, who have no Trade and Manufactures of their own to employ their Poor. *Flanders*, all *Germany* on the Side of the *Rhine*, *Switzerland*, *Savoy*, and some Parts of *Italy*, pour their supernumerary Hands every Year into *France*; where they are *caressed*, and received into the Army, or the