

it the Power of intercepting all the Trade of *Europe* to *America*? As the Crown of *Spain* is more eminently interested by its extensive and rich Dominions there, it is surely the Part of that Nation, even to take the Lead, in preventing such fatal Usurpations, by a close and everlasting Union, with the greatest Maritime Power of *Europe*.

It is too true, that the Ambition or Avarice of Ministers, is often repugnant to the real Interest of their Sovereigns, as well as of their Fellow-Subjects. If the *Spanish* Ministry temporizing with *France*, for their own private Interest; or if ambitious Views to the *Succession of that Crown*, by Failure of Male-Heirs in that Branch of the Family now upon the Throne, should influence the Counsels of *Spain*; it is now, as much as ever, the Interest of every other State in *Europe*, to prevent the Union of those two mighty Empires under one Head; because, with such Accumulation of Power, what can hinder an universal Monarchy? Nay, it is not less repugnant to the Interest of every Subject of *Spain*, that its Dominions should be cantoned into Provinces of *France*, and of course the *Spaniards* become Vassals to the *French*.

But if the *Spanish* Court will pursue such destructive Measures, our Vigilance and Activity cannot be better employed, than in contracting their Designs; first, by sincere Overtures of Friendship, and a strict Alliance offensive and defensive; and by every reasonable Com-