

not to be imposed upon by such Pretences; they are convinc'd that the Safety of Commerce depends upon the Figure this Crown makes in Comparison with the other Powers of *Europe*; and a very laudable Proof they gave of their having this just Notion of things, by the Pains they took to drive the late Ministry into a War with *Spain*, and where there is the same Reason, the Conclusion ought to be the same likewise. If the Safety of Trade depends upon the Figure and Credit of the Nation, then whatever Attacks the latter, tends to the Prejudice of the former; but if the House of *Austria* is overborne, our great Rival in Power and in Trade, by which I mean *France*, must carry all before her, and therefore whatever contributes to the preventing this, contributes so far to the Security of our Trade; and this, I think, is a fuller Answer than was even necessary to so foolish an Objection.

I must, however, admit that there is some Foundation for what is suggested in the Memorial, as to the Bias of the *British* Nation in favour of the House of *Austria*; for surely if ever there was the Opinion of a whole Nation given on such a Point, every Part of the Nation has, at several Times, declared itself fully upon this Subject. The late Ministry always declared it to be their Intention to assist the House of *Austria*, and often complained of their Want of Power to second that Inclination. These Declarations, however, did not screen them from the Resentments of those who thought there was not so much done for the Support of the Queen of *Hungary* as her Circumstances, and the Interests of *Great-Britain* required, and every Body knows that