

The Possibility of this happening, has been allowed by some of our Revenue Politicians, who with demure and solemn Countenances ask, Where is the Harm if our Silver is forced abroad? The Ballance of Trade, say they, will always draw Treasure after it: And if we keep the Ballance of Trade, Silver will soon flow back upon us; and if we do not keep the Ballance of Trade, we cannot keep our Silver; for it must be sent abroad to pay our Debts. When they have argued thus profoundly, they stand astonished at their own Wisdom, and leave others astonished at their Futility.

It is most antiently true, that whatever Country has the Ballance of Trade will have an Influx of Treasure, and the Silver we have among us, is the Produce of our Gains by Trade. I hope too, that the Ballance of Trade is still in our Favour, and then whatever Treasure this Tax sends abroad, will in a due Course of Time find its Way back again. THEREFORE we must voluntarily expose ourselves to a disadvantageous Species of Traffick, because upon the whole, Trade is in our Favour: This is just as if I should say to a Man who had laid up 10,000*l.* by a gain-