

tional Bankruptcy ? That *Spain* has been much more disposed to show Favor to the Enemy than to us, and that her Behaviour to our People is, in many Instances, totally inexcusable, I make not the least Question : But, perhaps, it may be good Policy, even in Princes, sometimes to look through their Fingers ; Peace, in a Trading Country, being far more eligible than War. In the mean time, to prepare for War, as if War was unavoidable, is no less prudent than necessary ; and if *Spain*, notwithstanding our Forbearance, should proceed to force us into one, by adding Insult to Insult, as we shall have nothing to answer for, in carrying on the War, to God or Man, we ought to support our present National Distress with the Courage of *Romans*, and, if possible, redouble our Efforts, with a Resolution of