

' fewer will be lost than were during the last
 ' War. For the Convenience of being shel-
 ' tered in *Spanish* Ports proved a Temptation
 ' then for many Merchant Ships to run with-
 ' out Convoy : whereas none will now be so
 ' adventurous as to hazard a Run to *Turkey*
 ' or to *Italy* along so vast a Tract of an Ene-
 ' my's Coast. It is true some of our Trade,
 ' which I own to be very considerable, will
 ' indeed be at a Stand till some Success at-
 ' tends us ; but then a proper Strength well
 ' managed in *America* will abundantly com-
 ' pensate for that Loss.

' Seeing our Plantations are so convenient-
 ' ly situated that not a Galleon coming or
 ' going can escape us, consider then of what
 ' Consequence those Plantations are to us.
 ' How much such an Interruption of all
 ' Commerce thither would distress *Spain*, is
 ' apparent ; and it probably might be none
 ' of the weakest Reasons to incline that Peo-
 ' ple, in a New War, to side with us.

' The Wealth we shall thereby acquire
 ' will not only defray the Expence of the
 ' Force we shall maintain there, but, with
 ' good Management, may go a great Way
 ' towards the Charge of the whole War : and
 ' it will be Fault of our Commanders if all
 ' the *French* Colonies there be not rooted out,
 ' which for these Reasons we ought chiefly
 ' to aim at :