

*mers of England and Holland*, tho' some imagine they have contributed to the Reports of our great Losses, in order to raise the Price of Insurance; but till a better List is made, this may serve to shew the *Malice* of domestic Enemies, spirited up into Faction, who, regardless of Truth, or even the least Shadow of it, have represented the Loss to be almost all on our Side. *By their Fruit ye shall know them.* Witness the many Absurdities, Falsities, vile Innuendoes, &c. that are daily retail'd and greedily swallowed by the ignorant; the Inventers of which, I am convinced, are actuated by no other Motive than to distress the *Government*, and render us *less formidable* to our Enemies, by making us a *divided People*.

Let us look back to our News-Paper and Weekly Tracts, and we shall be astonished, when we see printed the Substance of imaginary *Orders* and *Instructions* to Admirals and Ambassadors, which they never heard of. Do we not read Debates at the *Privy Council*, which we know could not be communicated? Have we not heard the Lye given to the *Winds*? And have they not taken upon them to direct their Blasts? Have they not endeavoured to raise a *Mutiny* in the Fleets, by saying the *Provisions were unsound*, and that *the Powder was weaker than the Enemy's*? Have they not abused a brave and honest