

ner than I can pretend, that no Place whatever ought to be rigorously insisted upon for entering into a Negotiation, and that other Princes, as well as the *French* Kings, can break Treaties upon the slightest Pretences, and violate the most sacred Oaths when Ambition prompts to aspire at Dignity; and when the Ingenuity is set at work to find out an Excuse. From whence I would humbly be of Opinion, that neither *Paris* nor *London* ought to be the Place for a Negotiation: Treaties of Alliance, offensive and defensive have frequently been signed in the Capital of one of the contracting Powers, as that at *Vienna* 1756, between the *French* King and the House of *Austria*, but never at either of their Capitals when a Negotiation for Peace was entered into after a long and destructive War.

The next Thing, Sir, in a Negotiation that deserves Attention is, well to consider the Persons to be sent on so important a Message: they ought to be Men of Penetration, Skill and Dexterity, and in my Opinion, Men of Sobriety and impenetrable Secrecy: And could the Presence of the great Men who have conducted the War, be dispensed with, I am fully convinced that they would discharge their Duty in that particular, with the same Fidelity and Candour as hitherto they have executed the different Steps of their high Employments: Yet this, Sir, is not so convenient, I had almost said Practicable, for in a moral Sense whatever is not convenient, and for the Good of the Community, shall always be reckoned impracticable by me: However impracticable it may be, yet the Remedy is not so hard to be attained as you seem to insinuate: That *Autbur's* Chocolate-House, that *Marybone*, and the *B—C—ffee-House*, in-hance too much the Time of our Nobility and Gentry is true, but that a Person cannot pretend to act in a publick