

your Country is thought Weak, Declining, and afraid to Resent Injuries, you are Oppressed and Over-born by all that have Dealings with you, who are apt to Dispise the Base, tho' they get by them; on the contrary, when a Nation is esteemed Powerful, and Tenacious of the Point, as well of Honour, as of Interest, they are Countenanced by Princes, let them be never so Remote, their Factors every-where commanding the Market. And 'tis remarkable the *French* could never obtain to have the Business of their Commerce well settled at the *Ottoman-Port*, till the Year 1673, when their Successes made such a Noise throughout *Europe*. The Fame of *England* has been advanced to such a Height, during the last War, that the Trading-Men will hereafter Taste their Proportion of Benefit by it, if our Maritime Affairs are not Neglected.

The way to Retrieve what we may have lost, is not to offer Affronts, or to make ill-grounded Cavils, or to renew absolute Pretensions, much less to come to an open Breach with any of our Neighbours. We should rather endeavour to restore our Trade to its former Condition, by strong and steady Councils, such as may demonstrate to the World, that we are rather desirous to Preserve ourselves than to Disturb others; and so to temper our Proceedings with those between whom and us future Disputes may happen to arise, as to give constant Proofs, that we can adhere to National-Interest, without making any Step prejudicial to the Common-Concerns

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