

for that Time ; it was not then following its wonted *Routine* of Politicks, in oppressing the Liberty, and confounding the Property of Mankind, nor aggrandizing itself, and every Branch of the *Bourbon* Family, at the Expence of the House of *Austria*, and the rest of *Europe* : No, it was, consonant to Treaties, and, beyond Expectation, supporting the *Orleans* Branch against the House of *Spain*. What could be more natural, nay, more necessary, than for *England* to join in Measures so well calculated for the Preservation of the Liberties of *Europe*, and to prevent the Uniting and Junction of which two Branches, so much Blood and Treasure had been spilt ? nay, on our supporting the *Orleans* Branch, depended the keeping this Family on the Throne.

NOR did we, in this Conjunction, neglect our own private Interest, for we seiz'd on this Opportunity to destroy the *Spanish* Fleet ; which has never been able to give us the least Umbrage since. But before I finish my