

Sufferers ; and are equally disposed to charge every Act of Misrule, to the Account of their Governors, whether distinguished by the Name of Pensionaries, or dignified by the frenchified Title of Prime-Minister, or known by the aggregate Appellation of *The ruling Faction*. These are the People who have the Power of doing Good or Mischief to Society, and are therefore chargeable with all the Public Acts of Cruelty, Fraud, &c. committed by one Nation against another. The Merchants, Artificers, and Seamen of *Holland*, were as innocent of the *Amboina Massacre*, and all the other Acts of Perfidy, imputed to the *Dutch*, as the Fool *, or any of his Fraternity. On the other Hand, the *Dutch* have suffered very often : and we all know how grievously of late, by the Perfidy and Oppressions of their gallicising Rulers ; and how justly they have broken the Yoke, even by the dangerous Method of popular Tumults. The *Dutch* therefore as a Nation, are to be pitied, and assisted also, (so far as it is prudent, and not injurious to our own Country) in reforming the Patch-work Constitution of their Government, which, like all other Things framed in an Hurry, cankered by Corruption, or compounded of Materials incompatible in Nature, must be often wanting Repairs.

In Support of the late national Reflections, cast upon the *Dutch* †, no good Argument

* See the Fool republished in the *London Evening-Post*, Sept. 15, 1749.

† See the Fool, *ibid*.