

and not respected in the quality of *Historiographer Royal* to the K. of France, by the *Children and Schoolboys of Dover*. For long before the reception of the *French Protestants*, the numbers of Strangers at *Norwich*, *Canterbury*, and *London*, were computed to be more than constantly resided at any twenty Cities, either of France, or Spain, or Italy. Virtue, Merit and Civility in Persons of a Foreign Country, like the Commodities imported thence, charm the hearts of the *English*; and have a greater value set upon them, than the equal products of our own. So far are we from being inclined to be Enemies to Strangers, that we are ambitious to be Friends to Strangers, even till we are Enemies to our selves. It is for their benefit, that in the Court of *Admiralty* we constantly retain the use of the *Civil Law*; and have enlarged it with the addition of those admirable Laws of *Oleron*, published by our King *Richard I.* which have equalized the Fame and Justice, as to Marine causes, of the ancient *Laws* of the *Rhodians*. And how very careful both our *Common and Statute Laws* are, in doing the exactest justice in all Pleas betwixt *Strangers and Denizens*, or the *King and Strangers*; I need only appeal to the *Inquest of Medietas Lingue*, given by the *Statutes* of the 27. and 28. of *Edw. III.*

Another Part of his Disgraces of the People of England, is, their *Pride and Negligence, want of Industry, and of a Genius to Works and Manufactures, occasioned by their reliance upon the fertility of their Country*. I must observe he joyns their *Pride and want of Industry* very ill together: For if ever they pretend to be proud of anything, it is of the Effects of their Industry, and the Works of their Hands. Their Plantations in the *West Indies*, and Commerce thither; Their *African, Levant, East Indian, Russia, Greenland, Hudsons Bay, Spanish, French, Hamborough, and Merchant Adventurers Companies*, for other Foreign Commerce: At Home, their Inclosures and Tillage; the New Rivers of the *Fens*, the Coal Mines of the North, the Lead Mines of *Derby*, and the Tin Mines of *Cornwall*; the Orchards of *Hereford*, and the Plough-lands of other Counties: Their Manufactures in Clothes, Stuffs, Linnen, Iron, Copper, &c. The Quantities of their Commodities transported yearly beyond Sea; Their Discoveries in the *Mechanick Arts*, and their Perfection in the *Learned*; Their Books in all the Faculties and Sciences, upon all sorts of Subjects; Their Restauration of *London* in three years, which was supposed to be the Work of an Age; Their Ships of Trade and War; their Riches, their Knowledge, their Power by Land and Sea: All these, as they are the undeniable Demonstrations of a most *Ingenious and Industrious* People from the meanest to the highest quality; so they are justly verified of the *English* in the view of the World. Who notwithstanding insult over no Foreign State; neither detract from the Praises of any greater Trade: But if they value and caress themselves upon the happy Effects of their Industry, it is a *Virtuous Pride* that is so well grounded.

When *Monsieur Sorbiere* travelled into England, he could not but take notice of the Convenient form of the Bridge at *Rocheſter*, for being so contrived, that the *Mens Hats* cannot be blown over it. We have altogether as worthy an Observation here of *Monſ. Morery*; that the *Men of Letters* in England often compose their Works with a Pipe of Tobacco in their hands. Whereby I truly, with regard both to the *English and French Men of Letters*, am as fully satisfied, that the Fancies of particular Persons, and sometimes of Nations are unaccountable; as when I remember that the sage and noble *Egyptians* of old (and from them the *Israelites*) set such a high value upon *Garlick and Onions*, as to honour them with a place in the number of their *Titular Deities*. For if any *English Man of Letters* is so addicted to the *Wood*, to write and smoak together; yet the Fancy of *Monsieur Morery* seems no less unaccountable; first to employ his Observation upon such trivial and insignificant particulars; and next to print them in a Voluminous Work, amidst the general Character of one of the most illustrious Kingdoms in the World.

If all the rest of his Geography had been conformable to this of England, there had been no occasion to use him in an unpleasing Labour that hath happened to be obtained from me. Particularly as to his own Country, he spares no Pains nor Eloquence to adorn it. And to be sure, he suppresses the ancient Glory of the Achievements of the Victorious *English in France*, as much as possibly he can. Indeed the Interests of the *French Crown*, and the Use that *Monſ. Pomponne* made (sometime Secretary of State to *Louis XIV.*) of the Obligations he laid upon the Author, are visible; not in that only, but in the great care that is taken in rehearsing the Titles, Pretences and Dependencies of the *Crown of France*, as if they did desire to entitle it to all the Ancient *Gallia*, according as it was bounded in the times of *Julius Caesar*. I have followed him throughout his four Tomes from Place to Place; leaving his *Adulterine Merces*, the *Infinite Trash* that is in him, as undisturbed as *Aſhes of the Dead*; to take what is purely Geographical and Chronological, proper, and easie, and short, according to the Quality and Genius of the

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