

last half Century, in Support of *Liberty*, to stipulate that a rightful Possessor, shall be strip'd of his Property, unheard and unprovoking? That the State of *Genoa* had preserved the strictest Neutrality between the Powers at War, till after the Treaty of *Worms* had forced her to seek Alliances for her own Safety, is notorious and indisputable. So that it may be justly said that that Republic had been *unprovoking*, when the hardest Measure had been dealt out to her. And as for the Conduct of that hapless, brave People since, I persuade myself there is not a virtuous *Englishman* living, who won't hold them much more excusable than those that had forced them to Extremities, by the most flagrant *Injustice* on one hand, and the most unheard-of *Cruelties* and *Exactions* on the other.

Thus, Sir, you may perceive me clearing my way to the main Difficulties that are most likely to impede the desirable Work of Peace. I flatter myself to have shewn, that no Consideration, relative to *Italy*, should induce us to continue the enormous Burden of the War, should our Allies be more tenacious than becomes Powers so immensely obliged to this Crown.—And if it be true, that *France* offers to restore her Conquests in the *Netherlands*, the small and

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