

fields of Germany, or to perish yet more cruelly by the distemperature of a foreign climate; will these, I say, contend for our being now, in a condition to war down all Europe? Or by what way of reasoning, unless such frantic reasoning were dated from Bedlam, can it be averred that we were *then* inferior to France, and are *now* so incomparably superior to her, as to be ready for undertaking to make head against all Europe, if necessary; enabled as we are, by that prodigious revenue received or likely soon to be received from our mighty conquests, the "*important*" Belleisle, the "*opulent*" Guadaloupe, and the *fertile* Canada, as well as by the number of true and loyal subjects we have made in them; not to mention the vast accession to our side of those neutral nations whom our politics have filled with "*amazement*" and "*veneration*."

But, alas! instead of those *successes* having brought us any real augmentation of strength, either actual or reputed, nothing is more likely than that they will furnish one proof more of its being far from impossible for a nation to see its influence and credit diminished, not only in spite of her successes, but even, by her successes,
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