

condemned by that solemn Authority which I have just quoted. What the Reason was, why the *Spanish Merchants* are laid under these Hardships, I will not pretend to say. I will venture to say that they will meet with no Redress, 'till they have suffered irreparable Damage; for when the Markets of *Spain* are glutted with *French* and other Goods, purchased by the return of their Treasure from the *West-Indies*, what remains for our Merchants in *Spain*, but to let their Goods lie to be eaten up by Moths?

When I look'd upon the eighteenth Article of the Treaty relating to the Claims of His *Britannick* Majesty, as Elector of *Hanover*, on the Crown of *Spain*, I could not believe my own Eyes; I questioned if I was not in a Dream or Delusion. What an old antiquated Debt of Ages past, extracted out of some musty half-rotten worm-eaten Papers; or, as some say, not existing at all, to be substituted in the Place of a Debt acknowledged by *Spain* on a stated Account to be due to our Merchants! I turned with great Impatience to the List of the Plenipotentiaries prefixed to the Treaty, I found there was no Electoral Plenipotentiary

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