

ACCORDING to the best Information I can procure, the present Navy consists of 28 Ships of the *Line* old and new, one 90 Gun Ship upon the Stocks at *Toulon*, half built; and there are about 12 *East India* Ships belonging to the Company, which are either converted or convertible into Men of War. In all, forty Ships and a half.

THIS great Reduction in the Navy is by no means the effect of Frugality; but at once a Proof and a necessary Consequence of the declining State of the Kingdom.

AND now, Sir, if after all we should see the Ballance of Power in *Europe*, that *perpetuum mobile* in Politicks, to fix, and establish which our Statesmen plann'd, and our Armies fought with such glorious Success against all the Efforts of *France* in her *Vigour*, animated too by an enterprizing Monarch; I say, if we are to see this Balance totally over-turn'd at last by *France* in her *Decline*, with a Minister in his Dotage, and an *un aspiring* King, how capricious is Fortune,