

in time, enable them to extend their Influence and Power all over *Europe*. And although we have exerted ourselves in Defence of the Balance of Power in *Europe*; yet it is to be feared that we must act single, and without any Support from our Allies, in the Defence of our Trade and Settlements.

The Ambition of the *French* in extending their Empire is without any Bounds or Limits, and therefore they countenance every Scheme, or Proposal, that has the least Prospect of forwarding their grand Design. In relation to which it may not be improper to mention the Scheme of an Officer