

Harbours (except *Antigua*) which are situated in the Track of Navigation, to the Coast of *Carraccas*, *Curacao*, *Surinam*, and *Carthagena* to the southward; and to *St. Eustatia*, *St. Thomas*, *Santa Cruz*, *Porto-rico*, *St. Domingo*, *Cuba*, *Jamaica*, *Porto-bello*, and all the Coast of *New Spain*; from thence to the Bay of *Mexico*, and *Mississippa* to the northward. What then can hinder the *French*, in case of War, from intercepting all the Navigation from *Europe*, in the Passage to those several Ports, whenever the Naval Power of *France* is in tolerable good Condition? more especially if *Antigua* should also fall under their Dominion, which is far from being impossible, if its great Port, called the *English Harbour*, (the best of any in that Part of the World for the Reception and Security of a *British* Squadron) is not well fortified, and the *Leeward* Islands powerfully protected by the Royal Navy. For if *Antigua* should be lost, or its best Harbour ruined, *Montserrat*, *Nevis*, *St. Christophers*, and all the lesser Islands, to the westward of them, must, for Want of Harbours, and Protection, fall of course into the Hands of our Enemies. In that Case, of what Value can *Jamaica* be to this Kingdom, when our Fleets cannot pass thither without a Convoy superior to the Naval Power of *France*? And what Trade can bear the immense Expence of such Convoys? Will then the *Dutch*, *Danes*, *Spain*, and *Britain*, rest satisfied under these *Usurpations* of *France*; and by that Means give