

that his Majesty would not make any Peace, Treaty, or Agreement with the King of *Spain*, unless that Prince gives up all Right and Pretensions whatever to visit, search, or molest any of the *British* Ships trading to the *West-Indies*. How comes it then to pass that wherever the Sense of Parliament has been declared, it is a constant Rule with these People to go in direct Opposition to it? Is it the Effect of Exultation in the Enjoyment of their hitherto unlimited Power? Or, is there a Design formed of debasing the Honour of P——, of rendering its Wisdom and Authority contemptible in the Eyes of the People? Can the —— be prevailed on to say and unsay, to do and undo, to approve and disapprove backwards and forwards, again and again the very same things? Or is it expected that we should transfer that Dependence and Confidence which we used to repose in the great Council of the Nation to these *Guardians of British Honour, these Conservators of our Rights and Liberties?* I own I am at a Loss, nor can I see for what Purpose these Measures are calculated but to confound the common Sense of Mankind; for these

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