

that in case of a joint War with *France, England* may beat *Holland* out of a Part of her Trade ; but if *Holland* will keep out of the Scrape, she may have all the Trade to herself. He may see that when Mr. *Van Hoey* represented this Sort of Stuff to his Masters the States General, it was understood and treated by them with the Contempt it deserved ; they resented, as became them, the Indignity of such a Treatment ; and shewed that they had a Spirit worthy the Sovereigns of a free Republick, supported indeed by Trade ; but at the same Time possessed of a Power capable of defending the Rights of their Subjects, and of assisting those Allies, by whose Aid in other critical Conjunctions, they had been supported themselves, when not their Commerce only, but their very Being was in danger from the Ambition of this arrogant Power, that now talks and teaches other People to talk, as if the Maritime Powers had nothing to mind but their Trade, and their Subjects had a Right to call the Government to account, if they did not confine their Care solely to this Subject. But, alas ! how widely are they mistaken ! who takes a larger Share in the War than our Merchants, and what greater Benefit can result to our Commerce, than by rendering that Authority respected abroad to which it owes its Protection at home ?

This odd Interjection of Commerce in this Place, plainly shews the Design for which this Piece was calculated, which must be to move the meanest and the lowest of the People, with whom Sound prevails more than Sense, and who affect to be ever anxious about Trade, how little soever it may concern them. As for those who are really engaged in foreign Trade, they are not