

Princes ; and to the senseless Ambition and Treachery of others, who have been duped by their common Enemy to act in open violation of all those solemn Engagements, and antient Compacts, by which they were bound to one another for their common Safety.

BUT to resume the Subject: Since this Account of the Revenues of *France* falls so far short of the common Opinion, and as it may serve to dissipate the Terrors raised by those who are perpetually magnifying her Power ; I think it necessary to say something of the Book from whence the Account is collected, in order to procure it that Credit, which is due to its Authority.

Monsieur *Du Tot*, the Author, meeting with a Treatise, intituled, *Essai Politique sur le Commerce*, published at *Paris* in the Year 1734, in which he found some very pernicious Notions relating to the Coin, wrote his Book chiefly to inculcate this plain Maxim, That the current Coin of a State once well established, should never be alter'd.