

sailors to be found ? They can only be made by long voyages at sea ; but how can that be done, when they have neither men of war nor merchantmen, which can venture out of their harbours ; and the sugars of their own islands are brought home in neutral ships ? Will they then attempt to form them as Duilius did his rowers at land ? Our British tars would have little to fear from such land-made seamen. In short, the present war continuing, and the state of parties remaining in Europe, as they now are ; no accession of treasure could make England equal to France at land, nor France equal to England at sea.

But say others, though it may not be so now, yet in the beginning of the quarrel the German war was a seasonable diversion ; if our enemies had not spent their force in Germany, they might then have attended to their marine with more effect, and that might have made them formidable to us. But the very idea of our choosing the German war as a diversion, supposes that we must have been there first. How early in the war soever therefore the French began to spend their money in Germany, we began as soon, and certainly spent as much ; and that money employed on our marine, would have carried it to as much greater a height, as the French navy could have been improved by the savings of theirs : and if our navy was at first superior to theirs, then, if to unequals you add equals, the superiority would still be ours. But in fact, in the beginning