

some *European* Occurrences, produc'd those Treaties we all know of, and is not my present Purpose to speak on. *England* did not merely confide in the Faith of Treaties; but whilst she amus'd the World in that Manner, she prudently took Care to add Weight to her *Negotiations*, by augmenting her *Forces*, and manning her *Fleets*. A Work of this Nature was not to be done, in that *easy* Manner some Gentlemen imagine. The Channel, and the ordinary Service was always provided for, but when a Number of Ships was commissioned, what were the Difficulties in manning them! Out of the usual Allowance of Men, for Guards and Garrisons, none could be spar'd abroad: But before a Declaration of War, an Augmentation was order'd, and new Regiments rais'd immediately after. Would it have been prudent to have transported the old Corps, before the new ones were in some Measure disciplin'd?

'Tis indifferent to us, Sir, who directs the *State Machine*, but let us have Minds so unbiass'd, as not to approve the Views of any Party, if we believe they mean not the Good of the Community.

I shall not take upon me to prove, either (what is call'd) the *Court* or *Country* Party in the right; for as 'tis impossible for a private
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