

If *Holland* is become, in too extensive a Degree, the Ware-House, and General-Magazine of our Corn, Plantation and *East-India* Goods, 'tis not impossible to obviate that Mischief.

*First*, By encouraging the Erection of Publick Grainaries in several parts of this Kingdom.

*Secondly*, By enlarging the Time for Drawbacks on Tobacco, Sugars, and several other *American* Commodities.

*Thirdly*, By taking off the Prohibition that now lies upon the *East-India* and *Persian* Silks, and Stuffs, and not to drive them thus to *Amsterdam* and *Rotterdam*: Perhaps an Experiment of Four or Five Years would plainly demonstrate, that the Wear of them would not so much hurt us at Home in the Consumption of our Woollen Manufactures, as the Vent of them Abroad interferes with the Sale of our Woollen Goods in Foreign Markets.

To be in a lasting Condition to Cope with the *Dutch* in Trade, we must, as well in time of Peace as War, have a Fleet in readiness strong enough, upon all Occasions, vigorously to assert our Dominion of the Sea: Trade has been ever observed to follow Power, and to be influenced by it. That Nation which has the best Navy will have the most Merchant-Ships resorting to it for Profit or Protection; and in such a Posture you are Courted by your Friends, and Terrible to your Rivals. No Profession of Men sooner feel the Effects of National Increase, or Decrease in Reputation, than Merchants. If