

reduced *France* to the lowest Ebb, drained her Treasure, and made her Glory wither.

But after all, it is necessary to make a Diversion in the *Low Countries*, to keep the Evil from Home, and prevent *France* from making *England* the Scene of the War. If *France*, when a Rebellion ravaged this Country, shewed no serious Intention of invading us in those Circumstances can we think she will ever dare undertake it at any other Time ?

But let *France* do her worst ; a much less Expence than we make at present in Subsidies and Armaments would provide for our Security at Home, would maintain 12 or 14,000 Men or more if necessary, to be ready at Hand during the War, to defend our Capital, and quiet the Fears and Apprehensions of the Pusillanimous, and thereby support Public Credit and the Funds, would enable us to make proper Dispositions in other Parts of the Country, and at the same Time keep a Force at Sea, which would be a farther Defence against any Attempts of *France* on this Country and strike Terror on her, not only strike Terror, but bring Calamity and Ruin home to her Doors ; by throwing our Expences into this Channel, our Money would circulate amongst ourselves, as is the Case of *France* at present, while we are now constantly letting the Blood out of our Body. All this I say upon a Supposition that Things really stand on the Footing which our Ministry represent, that there has been no Possibility of working on the inactive Temper of most of the States of *Europe*.

I believe, however the World is pretty well convinced of the contrary, if proper Attention had been had to the Interest of this Country, and the Means of carrying on the War effectually. I do not care if the Nation is saved, by whom it is done ;