

than amongst the People: By a notable Exertion of their Power, they had, more cunningly, than fairly, dissolved that P——t, which had worn so many various Complexions, and which had concurr'd in such various Measures and Operations: A new one had been happily chosen; in which a great many of Those who had seen the whole Course of these Transactions, and who had been known Advocates for the War, were not admitted to sit: New Men were under no Obligation to countenance a Measure they had not been concern'd in; nor were even suppos'd to know what had been said, or done, exceptionably, inconsistently, or factiously before their Time. Such a P——t might, therefore, take any new Direction, without being expos'd to any Censure without Doors; or creating any violent Ferment within: And as to the *Conqueror of Cape Breton*, he was become a *Peace-Officer*; his *Friend* was not only to be his Successor, but to have the principal Share of the Merit and Glory of the Negotiation; and to initiate him yet farther into the Mystery of Treaty-making, the Convention of this Year was entrusted to his Management, in the same manner as the last.

I have already insinuated, That, tho' the Offers of *France* and *Spain* had been rejected, Peace had been resolved upon: And I have shewn, that the proper Measures had been taken to render all Opposition ineffectual: But, notwithstanding this was the secret Purpose, all Appearances were against it. By this new Convention, our Armies were to consist of such incredible Numbers, that I scarce can venture to specify them, for fear of being suspected of wilful Misrepresentation: But whether I am believ'd or not, it is fit to be known, That according to the Treaty, the Allied Army in *Flanders*, for the Year 1748, was to consist

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