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MEMORIAL &c.

BY the directions of his Britannick Majesty a piece has been sent to most of the courts of Europe, entitled *Observations on the Memorial of France*. The author undertakes to confute the motives on which the king has grounded his requisition of the 21st. of last December, and to justify England's refusal of making a restitution to France of her ships, taken in a time of profound peace.

In order to give a gloss to a refusal so contrary both to the equity, which is the common standard of all nations, and the pacific views; which his Britannick Majesty has given perpetual assurances he would never deviate from; it was necessary to charge France with hostilities prior to the making these prizes. In order to lessen the impression, which the violences committed in the course of this year by the English navy, must have made on all the powers of Europe, it was necessary to prove, or at least to maintain, that the French were the aggressors. And indeed that is the principal fact insisted on in these *Observations*. In short the author would fain prove that the French have
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