

it, that we shall never make a better. Though it had been certainly more for our Interest to have then ruined *France*, at forty Millions additional Expence, than now, with the same Inconvenience, have given her Reason to hope she may one Day retrieve all the Dishonour she was subjected to by *Marlborough's* Victories. The plain Question now before us is, not whether we have made so good a Peace as the Nature and Circumstances of Things would permit; but whether the War has been so conducted on the Principles of fair Reasoning, as that we might at any Time have commanded a better: And then it remains to be considered, whether, even in the Situation we at last found ourselves, there was any Kind of Necessity for such extraordinary Condescensions, as is intimated to have been made, at the Expence of our Honour as well as Interest. As to the Conduct of our Navy, besides what has been spoke of in the preceding States of the Nation, it is here farther to be observed, that *Great Britain* never fitted out so many Ships of all Ranks, nor to so little Purpose. This Matter was as little considered in Point of Judgment as Oeconomy, as has been but too evident in all the several Appointments where our Navy has been stationed. In a Book lately published, giving us an Account of Mr. *Anson's* Voyage, we find this important Remark: That, on the *Centurion's* coming out of *Canton River*, a *Chinese* appeared on one of the Forts armed *Cap-a-pie*, intended, as the Authot seems to suppose, to strike some Kind of Terror into those who beheld his heroick Figure, and consequently to