

‘ing what an enterprizing Neighbour we
 ‘have near us in both Indies, it behoves us al-
 ‘ways to keep up a respectable Force both by
 ‘Land and Sea in those remote Parts of the
 ‘World, ready to resent any unjust Injuries
 ‘we may receive from them, without resor-
 ‘ting tedious Negotiations*, which often, in-
 ‘stead of healing the Breach, give the Enemy
 ‘an Opportunity to recruit so as to enable
 ‘him at last to keep by Force what he had
 ‘taken from us by Surprise; which, if we
 ‘had not so acted, we might otherwise have
 ‘immediately wrested out of their Hands, and
 ‘by that Means have put an End to any fu-
 ‘ther Trouble.’

Still if there must be a War, we have the
 pleasing Prospect to find (and I believe every
 Body will own it) that the Board of *Admi-
 ralty* was never better filled with more ex-
 periented Gentlemen in Naval Affairs than it
 is at present; and therefore it is not in the
 least to be doubted but great Care will be
 taken whom they recommend to his Most Sa-
 cred Majesty for Commanders and Officers to
 be employed in the Fleets fitting out, with-
 out any Regard to Parties; then certainly
 none will be intrusted with any considerable
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* It is presumed the NATION thinks, We have had enough
 of that Way of acting, when we only consider how long our
 Commissaries at *Paris* have been employed to settle the Limits,
 which some say “It never will but by the longest Sword, if they
 “go on no faster than they have begun.”