

THE following Paragraph, taken from the said Treatise, [Page 28] is worthy of the most serious Attention.

“ THAT something like a Scheme of this Nature is expedient, or rather absolutely necessary, I am more convinc’d than I care to express, for I would not willingly give a Handle to our Enemies to entertain a mean Opinion of us. I know we are a rich and wealthy Nation, and have great Resources; but consider what the sacred History reports of the Riches of *Solomon*: His Treasure was immense, such as enabled him to build a Temple at *Jerusalem* (according to the Computation of learned Men) of almost incredible Value. Yet his Riches have long since vanish’d, the Place where the Temple stood, and even *Jerusalem* that contain’d it, is scarcely now to be found. God forbid that this should ever chance to be our Case, by going beyond our Strength.”

BUT how expedient or necessary soever the Execution of such a Scheme may really be, yet it may, in all likelihood, be attended with some Difficulty, from what has been already mention’d †; besides, as the famous *De Witt* * observes, “ If Enquiry be made into the Polity of all establish’d Governments, we shall always find, that there are ever an incredible Number of ignorant and malevolent People, Enemies to Speculation and Remedies, how good soever, which they conceive, or really foresee, will be prejudicial in any wise to themselves; and rather than admit them, they will press hard and embroil the State more than it was before, Besides, there are an endless Number of political Maxims, which have so deep a Root, that it is a great Folly to think any Man should
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† Vide Page 27. *

* De Witt, Cap. 2. Page 16