

In the ensuing peace we shall have every thing at stake. This nation is not like some others, who are clear of debt, and know their expences. In former times when we entered into a war; if bad success attended our arms, we had the prospect of some better opportunity happening to give us our revenge; unincumbered with debts, we concluded a peace, and no longer felt the burthen of the war. But how are the times altered! Every campaign now is felt even after a peace; and our debts are come to such an enormous height, that this war will encrease them, almost to as great a sum as, I apprehend, we shall be able to bear, even if we make a good peace. But what may be the consequence of a bad one, God only knows; though it does not require any very great degree of political foresight, to prove, that a peace which is not to the greatest degree explicit, must be soon productive of a fresh war. *France* at the conclusion of the treaty of *Aix la Chapelle*, was in such a low state, that all *Europe* expected, she would not be
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