

may not be easy to determine ; our enemies certainly have some millions to spare, else they need not spend them in Germany ; which is not their way into England, nor instantly to put an end to the war, though it may give them the advantage in the end. But though the sources of their revenue were the double of what they now are, yet the German war would be a diversion of them from no other service, which could annoy us ; because they have no other to employ them in against us. These treasures of France, whenever Britain shall, by the enormous waste of its own, be reduced to ask a peace, will soon grow formidable. Too long have they been trembling for their East and West-India colonies, as well as their American settlements, not to see the absolute necessity of a fleet to protect them : and their first care after a peace, if we leave them that far the greatest nursery of their seamen, their sugar trade intire, will, doubtless, be to attend to their marine. But while the war continues, it is impossible for them to employ their treasures to that purpose. They might possibly buy ships of Danes, Swedes, or Genoese ; but to what avail ? When that could only put us so much the more upon our guard, give our fleet an opportunity of taking one half of them in their passage into the French harbours, and oblige the rest to lie rotting there unmanned, when they had got in ? While their ports are all blocked up, and they cannot send out a single man of war, but by stealth, it is absolutely impracticable for them to raise their navy to an equality with ours. Where are their