

But if there is a Fire within ten Doors, would he not think you mad if you were to harangue him to this Purpose ? and would he not answer you very rationally, *Sir, for God's sake let us see the Fire out, for that is my present Business.*

When therefore we coolly consider this Matter, it very plainly appears that all that is desirable in the *Self-preserving System* is pursued by those, who are for prosecuting the present War vigorously, and for reducing *France*, and the Friends of *France*, as low as the Justice of their Cause, and the Blessing of God upon it, by Force of Arms will allow. If this was once done, if the Power of the House of *Bourbon* was effectually circumscribed, if a proper Balance was established in *Germany*, in *Italy*, and in the *North*, we need not trouble ourselves with the Affairs of the Continent for a Century to come. We might have time to regulate all our domestick Concerns, and restore every Part of our decaying Constitution to its former Strength, and not leave it in the Power of two or three artful Heads of Factions to new mould at their Pleasure every Administration. We might then attend at Leisure to the necessary Means of depressing Luxury, and restoring Industry. We should soon be able to shake off the Load of Debts and Taxes ; to extend our Foreign Commerce, and do every thing that is wished and desired, by such as heartily *love their Country*, and do not make use of that *glorious Term* to express their Attachment to a Party.

But, Sir, what must be the Case, if we listen to the Advice given us in the EXPOSITION, or if we are deluded into pursuing the Principles laid down therein, let them come from what Hands they will. If we are once cheated into an Opinion
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