

Interest to join or oppose the Power of *France*, by so subtle a Distinction, as our no engaging that *French* Fleet in *Europe*, which you determine to destroy in *America*. * A Defeat in this Part of the World of one half of the *French* Navy, would have humbled the *Gallic* Arrogance, prevented *Spain* and the Allies from joining the King of *France*; and cooled their Ardor for War, in Proportion as it diminished the Powers with which it must be sustained.

THE depriving our Enemies of their military Force, is the most effectual Method of intimidating their Allies from joining them: few chuse the sinking Side of a Question, and add a Probability of their own Ruin to that of those who are already destroying. Though the drowning Person seizes every thing to save himself; yet few catch hold of him that is sinking, with the View of going along with him. But in the Manner we have proceeded, what have we done but behaved like

* That this was given out as a Reason to cover their Mistakes, and not thro' any just Apprehension of *Spanish* Resentment, is now evident from the taking the *French* Merchant-Ships, and Mr *Hawke's* cruising for their Men of War in the *European* Seas,