

much a Right as those who possessed them, exclusive of the Suspicion they had brought upon themselves, by an indiscreet, if not a criminal Complaisance for *France*. That we have been forced first into a long Circle of tedious, troublesome and expensive Negotiations, to fence against *French* Influence in the Councils at *Madrid*; and secondly into a long, uneasy, and ineffectual War to force a Power into a just Notion of her own Interests, which if she would but once understand, would secure ours. Thus you see, Sir, that every Evil we feel, as well as every Evil we have felt, every Mischief that we dread, as well as every Misfortune under which we suffer, spring all from the same Cause, and when traced to their Fountain Head, are justly charged upon *France*. We hate her, it is true; but that we do hate her, who can wonder?

That this Deduction of *French* Injuries and *French* Perfidies may appear less a Digression, give me leave to return to my Subject, by observing that they have by Degrees opened the Eyes of the whole Nation; and though we are, as the Inhabitants of all free Countries must be, split into a Multitude of Parties, yet there is not any Party, nay not a single Subdivision of any Party, that is not from Experience and Conviction an Enemy to *France*. The Whigs are professedly so from Principle; the Tories from repeated Proofs of her Falshood and Dissimulation; nay, the very Jacobites, formerly her staunchest Friends, are now among the bitterest of her Enemies; I mean such of them as can think, such of them as remember, that to *France* they owe all their past and present Misfortunes, all that they suffer at Home, the Contempt with which they are treated Abroad, and the Despair
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