

War, which ruined the Commerce of both Parties, were induced to sign the Treaty: A Treaty which has proved an Introduction to fresh Perfidy and Baseness on the Side of *France*, and has opened a large Field of Glory to *England*, if she can steadfastly maintain her Acquisitions, and preserve by Resolution and Fortitude, what the *French* would undermine by Venality and Corruption.

HAVING in this Manner deduced the History of the last Peace, let us review what has past before us, that we may not be bewildered in the Train of Ideas which the separate Histories might excite. I have hitherto only prepared a kind of Prologue to the Play which I am going to introduce, and for that Reason would desire the Reader to consider well the Characters I have given of *Athens* and *Macedon*, that he may not lose the Connection in the Narrative. To this I shall add but one Reflection; that in the Accounts of the Nations, I mean the collective Body, without Reference to any particular Persons.

WE left *Athens* just beginning to enjoy a Peace, the Conditions of which were such, as had she been in a flourishing Condition, it

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