

Estates and Business must increase or diminish ; for as in the Body Natural a Finger can't ach but the whole feels it, so in the Body Politic the remotest and most insignificant of your Colonies can't decay, but the Nation must suffer with it. Therefore the Mother Country must needs rejoice in the Security and Prosperity of every one of her Colonies, because it is her own Security and Prosperity ; and the Colonies are to her as the Feet are to the Natural Body, the Support of the whole Political Frame. And they have enabled us to make the Figure we do at present, and have done for upwards of a Century past, in the Commercial World, from whence we have derived Wealth, Power and Glory, and the greatest Blessings given Man to know. Consider then, if you ought not to direct the whole of your Counsels and Arms to support a War, wherein, with the Being of your State, you assert the Dignity of your Reputation, the Safety of your Friends, the best Branches of your Revenue, and the Properties of your Fellow Subjects.

*Our Ability to
carry on a War
against France.*

Thus much for the Necessity of going to War, and the Nature and Greatness of the Object we are to contend for : And now for our Ability to support a War vigorously and effectually.

It is certain that the Excess of the Sinking Fund, arising from the Reduction of the Interest of the National Debt, amounts to 1,300,000*l. per Annum* at present, which with the Land Tax raised to four Shillings in the Pound will yield 2,300,000*l. per Annum* over and above the ordinary Services of Government. The Proprietors of the National Debt desire no Part of their Capital, but only the Interest ; therefore this Sum may be applied to carry on a War, and whatever it falls deficient for the Purpose to 1757, may undoubtedly be borrowed at Three *per Cent. per Annum*. For such a sacred Regard has been paid to public Faith and private Property, on all Occasions, since the Revolution, that Public Credit has gradually extended from that glorious *Epocha* to the present Time, and we were convinced the other Day that it never was so extensive as at present. But in 1757 the

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