

from her, unless we should be adroit enough to persuade the *Turks, Spaniards, Italians, Danes, Swedes, Germans, Poles, Russians, &c.* neither to eat, drink, or wear any of the Products or Manufactures of that Country; or if these several Nations were not to be persuaded, that we should sag them into a Compliance.

To be serious, my dear Friend, how thoughtless must this sanguine Writer and his mercantile *Chum* be, if they were in earnest in their vehement Exhortations to continue the War, till we could beat *France* out of all her Commerce? How thoughtless should we be if we had swallowed the Bait on the Credit of Scribes that seek our Ruin to promote their secret Schemes? And how heedless and unjust would our Ministry be to continue the War, if any tolerable Peace can be obtained, in order to hunt after chimerical Conquests and Trades, which if possessed, we should most certainly be obliged to part from? But 'tis to be hoped the Nation are wiser than to be thus lured to their Undoing by Declaimers, that are no less Strangers to the Subject they pretend to treat of, than to that Truth and Candor which warm the Patriot's Breast.

It is obvious to a Demonstration, that the Performance under my present Consideration, was calculated for depreciating and perplexing the present Ministry, to make way for a new, at the Head of which, the Author would wish to see the *late Minister* placed. This
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