

the Continent. But it is burlesquing the Example of our Whig Ancestors to urge it, as a Motive to an UNNECESSARY Continent War ; and to a preparatory Expence, so very Extravagant, as will absolutely Disable us from engaging in such a War, if it should become needful.

But there is another View, in which this Measure is considered, and which to do Justice to it, should not be passed over. It is called a Measure of DIVERSION. Our Interest we are told, is to withdraw the Attention of the Enemy from the Sea, and from our Colonies ; and this Measure will most effectually Answer the End.

The Plea would be a very specious one, were not the Means manifestly Destructive, even of the End itself. For the Diversion would be so immensely Expensive,