

was in no hurry; for she wanted to gain her ends by slow and sure measures. England had no motive in the world to desire a war; but her enemy furnished her with good reasons, and she did not chuse to wait for their conveniency. The former hath undertaken a point, which good policy directed her to undertake; the latter hath discovered what necessity obliged her to discover; one perhaps went too slowly to work, and the other too quick: both of them are in the wrong, till the summing up of the quarrel, when right will be on the strongest side.

I grant you, that this way of reasoning is not agreeable to all the world; neither do I write to all the world, but only to you. Yet, if after reasoning upon this matter, as you are very capable of doing, you should be desirous of seeing how other people argue, I have promised you the narrative of several transactions that have happened in this country, without being answerable for the truth of any of them, though they happened almost under my own eye; for, to be plain with you, I can

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