

this untoward Situation, and must still keep us so, if there is not such a Portion of publick Spirit left amongst us, as being properly, I mean legally directed, may enable us to shake it off, and resume our old Virtues, together with the steady Pursuit of our own Interests.

That all Things considered, this Task, however arduous, must be undertaken, and that speedily, if we will escape final Destruction is certain; since it is evident, that we are already in such Circumstances, as to have Advocates for the public Debt, by which I mean raising Money by mortgaging the Credit of the Nation, equal in Strength to the Landed Interest; and by the Concurrence of Accidents, sometimes superior to them, as appeared in the defeating Sir John Barnard's three per Cent. Scheme. Because it is visible, that if we proceed in remitting abroad on any Pretence whatsoever, a larger Proportion of Wealth than is brought in by the Ballance of Trade, we must necessarily beggar ourselves to enrich and support our Allies. Because we are drawn into this from a fallacious Appearance of Riches, which arises from the very Strength of Paper Credit, and which will be found fallacious only, if we continue to export our Cash and Bullion, the Continuance of which amongst us is the sole Means of supporting it; because the Truth and Certainty of all that has been said may be put out of doubt, by considering this undeniable Fact, that at a Time when Rents are every where falling, the Poors Rate every where increasing, and the Customs daily diminishing, a Handful of Jews, who never employ'd five Hands at Home, in any other Way than administering to our Luxury, and who never exported any Thing abroad, except perhaps our Coin, are able to lend the Public Millions,———If this is not a Demonstration that Industry and Trade are sinking, and that nothing can save us, but a timely Interposition