

to humane Nature as Neglect and Contempt: a Fault laid to the Charge of another great Man, who in Process of Time succeeded to his high Office, and is now no more; I wish I could say was not strictly true, or that it did not hurt him upon a remarkable Occasion.

Now, to return to our present Purpose,—I believe almost every One is satisfied from what the *French* having been doing for near 100 Years; they have nothing less in View than to establish their Empires in both *Indies* upon the Plan of what they have so well accomplished for themselves, to the Injury of their Neighbours in *Europe*. — But it is to be hoped, as our Eyes are at last sufficiently opened, it will make us, before it is too late, turn our chief Attention those Ways, in order as much as possible to prevent it. — For, tho' this Breach may be amicably made up, in regard Peace is more desirable than War, yet we ought to have in continual Remembrance how dangerous it is to live near potent Princes, to be off our Guard; Witness the *Venetians*, in the Reign of *Henry VII*, who, by neglecting to take proper Care of their own Security, tho' fully warned of the Danger they were in by losing a Battle, in one Campaign were stripped of all their Dominions, to the single City of *Venice*.

As to our Case, We should not forget to follow the Advice of a certain great Man, who the other Day publicly said, '*Consider-*
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