

dreams of) who are much wiser, and more incorruptible than any modern Sons of *Adam*.

The *French* thus encouraged by (what shall I call it) the Remissness or Timidity of several Administrations since the Peace of *Utrecht*, have kept Possession of those two fruitful Islands, *Dominico* and *St. Lucia*, to this Day, without Interruption; tho' it was perfectly easy, without much additional Expence, to have expelled them by the Squadron stationed at the *Leeward Islands*, during the last War. For the same Reason, that truly Politick People, have encroached lately upon *St. Vincents*, and *Tobago*, not by Stealth, but publickly, and immediately after the late Cessation of Arms. If the Surrender of *Cape Breton* had been suspended until these well known Encroachments were given up, all the Puzzle and pusillanimous Apprehensions about the Means now proper to redress those Wrongs, had been prevented. But so it is, that Cowardice disappoints its own Purposes, and runs into great, by endeavouring to avoid little Dangers. Good betide the Man, and the universal Applauses of his Country attend him, who advised that just and salutary Measure! And may those who rejected his Counsel, receive amply the Reward of their Wisdom! Wonderful it is indeed, that such Wisdom can preserve itself, in Power, and yet want Ability to exercise it in a few Instances, for the general Good; tho' that may be done consistently with the Plan of private Emoluments: For, Men of ordinary

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