

in whom old Age had not effaced, nor Corruption alienated the Love of his Country, suspecting that to be the Design, determined to take Charge of that important Fortrefs. Accordingly he demanded all Things necessary for its Defence, which the Minister, though the most profligate of all, who had till then superintended the national Affairs, was afraid to refuse, and probably believing that it must have been given up before his Arrival.

HOWEVER at the landing of that Nobleman at *Gibraltar*, though that Fortrefs was found unprovided in all military Requisites, and almost ready to surrender on that Account, this his Patriot Design effectually prevented. An Action of more Consequence to this Nation than all the Victories of *Marlborough*, and of more true Desert: to which no Motive animated him but the Love of his Country. Thus *Gibraltar* was saved, and *George's* Minister disappointed in his Views of sacrificing this Nation to *Hanoverian* Welfare; and an illustrious Proof afforded that one Nobleman yet remained, who prefer'd the good of his Country to all other Considerations. During these Transactions, an *English* Fleet had been sent into the *Baltic*, to join with that of *Denmark*, to oppose