

*Dutchmen* from their Lethargy. Whereas, had that adventurous Statesman consulted the Tempers of those whom he thus intended to force into the Measures of his Court, he would have changed his System, or resolved to bear down *France*, by the Strength of his own Country, without the Aid of *Holland*.

But the Mistake lay, I presume, in that Nobleman's Reliance on the Influence of the Partizans of the House of O—e, or in supposing the *Dutch* as fickle and variable as his own Countrymen. Perhaps too he might have built on the Power of a *secret Specifick*, practiced, they say, of late Years, with great Success in a Country where, it seems, he even then, had more Power than Credit, and more Enemies than Friends.

We see that Experience has testified against the Politics of the Cabinet of L—n. The *Dutch* were not to be moved any otherwise than on their own Terms, and in their own slow Manner. Yet tho' this Singularity of theirs was visible to the whole Earth, has E—d still persisted in the same mistaken Measures. She will still pursue the War, tho' the Prospect before her is far from being inviting. She pursues it against the Grain of the *Dutch*, who probably will be the first to leave her to shift for herself on the first ominous Occasion. And she has pursued it, when she might have put an End to it with Safety and Honour. This last Consideration cannot but dwell on the Minds of all the firm Friends of Liberty and Peace, who, should Victory declare against the Allies, may very naturally and justly impute all their future Calamities to the mistaken Politics of E—b Statesmen. I have the Honour to be, &c.