

Administration cannot want the Props of Corruption to support their Power ; so it is hoped, nay it is expected that these, and all other just Measures shall be taken, to encourage our Fisheries, and to discharge as much as possible of the Public Debt, to ease the present Load of Taxes, and especially the late Imposts upon Commerce, which must otherwise sink under the Weight ; for, to amuse Country Gentlemen with an Abatement of one or two Shillings in the Pound of the Land-Tax, without easing Trade of its Burden, and discharging a great Part of the National Debt, is an Illusion under fair Appearances ; it is in Effect increasing our Incumbrances by a small Loan at exorbitant Usury, which like a Canker will eat up the landed Interest of the Nation.

In short, the Power and Prosperity of this Kingdom is yet retrievable, by strict Oeconomy at home, and by good Policy with respect to our Allies, and Rivals abroad. And first, with respect to the *Dutch*, we need only to open our Arms, by giving easy and obvious Encouragements, which will induce the best, if not the greatest Part of that People, to become *one* with us. Let them have the common Rights and Privileges of *British* Subjects, with Places of Settlement proper for Trade, or Fisheries, and we may reasonably expect, from their *present Circumstances*, that all their rich Merchants, and of course their ablest Seamen, will soon retire to these Kingdoms, as the best Situation for Commerce, the Sanctuary for Liberty,