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As the Concessions to be made upon the Coast of *Coromandel* and *Malabar* have been scarce touched at in any of the Performances that have appeared since the Prospect of a Negotiation, so I shall say a few Words on that Subject.

It is evident that since the Third of *August* 1758, when Admiral *Pocock* defeated the *French* Fleet near Fort *St. David's*, that the Affairs of *France* have decayed as much in *Asia* as either in *Europe* or in *America*; their Army under *M. de Lally* has been every where unsuccessful; and the shameful Repulse before *Madras* has rendered their Troops the Contempt of the Nabobs and their *Indian* Subjects; such a Tide of Misfortunes has overflowed them in that Quarter, that it is not improbable but *Pondicherry* itself is snatched out of their Hands.

I should not be averse to restoring any of their Settlements on the Coasts of *Coromandel* and *Malabar*, as the Trade to the *East Indies* is far from being equal to that with our *American* Colonies. The Commodities from the *East Indies* only serve to drain *England* of the ready Specie, without taking any Goods like a proper Ballance from us: Neither can we pretend to people that Country, as it abounds with Inhabitants as much as our own.

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