

signs of great Ministers are generally impenetrable till some Event discovers their Aim ; but the Designs of our Ministers are so deeply laid, so great Masters are they in the Art of Sinking, that not even the Event lays their Meaning open to the View of the World. Of this Sort was that great Stroke in Politicks I was speaking of ; for the World are even now at a Loss to devine why Six Thousand *Dutch* were called into our Aid, who could not possibly act at all, as being under the Capitulation of *Tournay*, by which they were restrained from bearing Arms against the King of *France* or his Allies for three Years. The *Dutch* indeed had the Caution to demand of the *Abbé Delaville*, the *French* Minister at the *Hague*, whether or no the King of *France* abetted the Undertakings of the Pretender, or held him as an Ally. The *French* Minister very readily denies that the Pretender is an Ally of the Crown of *France*. This Declaration sufficiently answered the Purposes of the *Dutch*, who had no need to make any farther Enquiries than as to the present Time, but being set at Liberty so far, were unwilling to shew themselves worse Friends, than all the rest of the World, who to do them Justice generally accept our Money with great Willingness, how little Advantage soever we are likely to draw from it ; We accordingly take the 6000 *Dutch* into our Pay, and are at the Expence of transporting them into *England*, when the King of *France*, in a very unfriendly Manner, (tho' it must be owned, he was at open War with us, and a profess'd Enemy) without making his Intentions known before we had transported them, suffers us to put ourselves to that great Expence, after which he orders these Troops (before we had made the least use of them) back to *Holland*, and by speaking a Word obliges us to retransport them there. Such a Jest and Derision