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TO be perfectly acquainted with the Condition of the neighbouring Powers, is certainly of importance to those who consult the Safety and Honour of *Great-Britain*, in support of whose true and essential Interest, as well as the common Rights of Mankind, you are no less eminent for your unaffected Zeal, than you are for those Abilities and Parts which have already made you an Ornament to the Great Council of the Nation, and which in you have the peculiar Grace of being the early distinction of your Youth. Of all our Neighbours there is none whose Power is more to be dreaded, and whose Faith less to be trusted than *France*. The first is universally allow'd ; and as a Proof of the latter, whoever looks into History will find this invariably true, that her Friendship, even under the most solemn

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