

be determined by you, and by the Public. This I am certain of, that my Intention is honest; and while I please myself, I shall endeavour, at the same time, not to offend either of you. Some Productions, in which you have, of late, been jointly taken Notice of, proceeded from a *factious* Disposition, which I am unacquainted with, and detest. For, far from wishing to disunite and separate your Interests, I am fully persuaded, that without your perfect Harmony and Union, the great Events which have happened under your Administration, will not have those permanent good Consequences so much to be wished for: And it is only from your joint Concurrence, that we can hope for any of those prudent, spirited, and national Measures, concerning which I propose to offer you a few Hints in this Address.

Considering the present distressed Condition of *France*, fallen from its alarming Power and Greatness, into the lowest State of Distress and Impotence; unfortunate in its military operations in every Quarter of the Globe; beaten all *Europe* over by Sea and Land; its Fleets sailing, only to be destroyed; its Armies marching, only to run away; without Trade; no Credit; stopping Payments, protesting Bills, and to all Intents and Purposes a bankrupt nation; their King, the Princes of the Blood, the Nobility, and the Clergy, carrying in all their Plate to be coined, for the present extreme Exigency of their Affairs; disappointed and baffled in all their Schemes on the Continent, and taught to think no more of *Invasions*, by the Destruction of the only Fleet they had left: — I say, considering all these Circumstances, which I have not exaggerated in the least, it is not unnatural to imagine, that a Period will soon be put to the Troubles of *Europe*. *France*, unable to carry on the war, must