

Or to make their Words and Actions correspond with each other? More particularly when we farther recollect, that till these Offers were made, They had discours'd of an Accomodation with *Spain* as the most favourable Event which could befall us; as an Event which would have reconciled all Parties to a vigorous Prosecution of the War with *France*; and which would have induced them to part with the last Shilling in Support of it.

But, the Truth of the Matter is, That mutable and inconsistent as they appear'd, they adher'd, in the Main, to the grand Principles of their Plan, and the Ends it was to answer: For the softer our Fall had prov'd, after so violent and ill-directed a Career, the less obnoxious would that M——r have been held, who first put us in Motion.

It was, nevertheless, necessary, to find out some Colour to set on this Inconsistency and Mutability, which was so glaring, that the Public began not only to take Notice of it, but even to clamour against it; and the *Blind* they chose to spread for this righteous Purpose, was a pretended Difference of Opinion; as to the great Pursuits of War and Peace; and a pretended Quarrel, which was said to have grown out of this Difference of Opinion, and the Debates it had given Rise to.

Few Expedients answer, in all Respects; but this was of the happiest Kind, and was manag'd in the happiest Manner: For while the Two B——rs continued to act these opposite Parts, the *Farce* not only serv'd to amuse the World in general, but every Individual, of what Principle soever, knew where to find a Leader: Hence, it follow'd, that Those of the most sanguin and enterprising Turn, attach'd themselves to the *Elder*; the Timorous and Desponding to the *Younger*; and each were, from Time to Time, furnish'd with such Professions and Assurances, as serv'd to justify