

one another ; and therefore, whatever affects one affects all. You have already seen, that by the Revocation of the Edict of *Nantz*, in 1685, and the Persecution that ensued upon it *France* lost above half a Million of industrious, manufacturing Protestants ; and during the two Wars from 1688 to 1714 near a Million and a half of her best Men ; that she has lost three Millions and a half *Sterling per Annum* in her Trade with *England* and *Holland*, and there is a Deficiency of above three Millions *Sterl.* in the old Funds or Branches of the publick Revenue ; then, according to what is laid down above, and in my humble Opinion incontestably, these Facts prove and confirm one another, and all of them together demonstrate, that *France*, at this time, is neither so flourishing, so rich, nor so powerful as she was threescore Years ago.

SOME time since I was told a particular Fact, which I could not give credit to ; but as this Deduction makes it extremely probable, I will mention it in this place. The Fact is, that a few Years ago, upon an