

Some way or other all paid, from thence conclude that, as *France* is out of debt, and Cardinal *Fleury* the wisest and best Minister now living, the People must be richer and the Revenues greater than ever they were under the Ablest of his Predecessors. But this is all Imagination, as will appear by and by, and scarce fit to be taken notice of.

UPON the whole, I submit it to you, whether the Notions of such People, and the Accounts our fine Gentlemen bring home from their Travels, are more to be relied on than the Account I have given you from Monsieur *Du Tot*.

I COME now to inquire into the past and present State of the Commerce of *France*, in order to show that her Power is far from being so formidable as it was threescore Years ago. To do this with greater Perspicuity, I shall take a View of her under three different Periods of Time.

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