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NO nation ever terminated a war against a powerful antagonist with more reputation than did Great Britain the last she waged with the united power of the house of Bourbon. Her armies had frequently triumphed, and her fleets were every where victorious : her people, regardless of their burdens, were eager for the continuance of the war, and her trade seemed to flourish the more for the taxes which were laid upon it. The expences of the state were beyond all example ; but her successes gained her credit, and her credit gained her loans equal to her disbursements