

no Succours, but left *France* to the full Exertion of her prodigious Strength, and the full Employment of her dangerous Intrigues; then, indeed, the Terms of *weak and wicked Minister*, which is now but Cant, the Voice of restless Faction, and disappointed Ambition, would have been a Charm to conjure up a destroying Spirit, to punish the Advisers of such a fool-hardy Proceeding. Those who now accuse them so bitterly for a contrary Conduct, have undoubtedly their own Reasons for doing so. The Publick has long entertained an Opinion, that the principal Men in Opposition have ever, as one of their chief Ends, if not their sole End, the Removal of the chief Men of the Ministry; and of filling themselves their Places, with *Integrities and Abilities superior*. This is undoubtedly a laudable Ambition; but if we judge of the Measures they would pursue, when in Power, as the direct contrary to those which they oppose when out of Power, I believe few Men, who love their Country and understand its Interest, will wish for any Change which may put the Game into their Hands.

A Clamour is raised against the subsidiary Treaties, upon another Principle; mercenary Troops are condemned, upon the Authority of some political Writers, and the Example of some Mischiefs, which have attended them recorded in History. They observe, that when you suffer your own People to grow into a Disuse of Arms, and habituate them to commit
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