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## AN IMPARTIAL

## E N Q U I R Y, छoo.

THE Credulity of the Vulgar, who have no Opinion of their own, is not to be admired: For they are like fo much Straw, which is eafily fet on Fire with the fmalleft Spark. In the mean time, fuch is their Inftability, that they are often heard to pour out their Curfes againft thofe very People, whom, but a few Days before, they perfectly idolized, and with their Voices exalted to the very Clouds. What Wonder, then, is it, that falfe Merit, uplifted by the foul Breath of little Emiffaries, who have their own pitiful Ends to purfue, fhould
gain an Efteem and Reputation among a Company of Grocers, low Bookfellers, and Coblers, fuperior to real Merit? But that a Set of Men, who have Opportunities of being better informed, fhould fo far decline the Ufe of their Reafon as to fuffer themfelves to be carried away by the Tide of popular Clamor, artificially raifed in favor of this or that Man, fills one with no lefs Aftonifhment than Contempt. Public Virtue, or at leaft the Appearance of it, is effential to the Schemes of political Ambition; for without a Mafk fhe would appear fo horrid hideous and defpicable, that no body could poffibly countenance her. He, therefore, who has formed Defigns of aggrandizing himfelf, is obliged to difguife his real Sentiments, that he might more eafly take Advantage of the fhort-fighted, ignorant, and weak Part of Mankind, who

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are but too often abufed by a fpecious Affectation of Public Spirit, and a ham Difregard of Power and Riches, that old, trite, ftale Pretext, by which artful and afpiring Men have often gained fuch Credit as has enabled them to attain to the higheft Degree of Wealth and Power; which, without it, they could not have attained; and which, in the End, we have never failed to find that they have had in View, however much they affected to defpife them. But every Tree is beft known by its Fruits. Let us, then, impartially examine this Great Man's Conduct who has lately refigned, and confider if he is truly that Great Man which common Fame has reprefented. The Eclat of one or two popular Meafures, even though attended with Succefs $s_{2}$ is not alone fufficient to eftablih the Character
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of a Great Minifter with Men of Senfe; for thefe may be neceffary, not only to acquire Credit at firft, but to open People's Hearts and Purfes on future Occafions. Gamefters and Sharpers, we know, oftenfuffer thofe, whom they are at laft fure of taking-in, and perhaps fripping of their All, to be Gainers at the Outfec. Let us not be fo deceived; but let us enquire what real Serviccs he has done the Commonwealth, and if they are fuch as might have been expected from a truly Great Minifter, furnifhed with that extraordinary, I had almoft faid unlimited, Power which has been granted to Mr. P——. In the mean time, it would be an Injuflice to others not to afrribe to them the Honor of fuch Schemes as they themfelves firft projected; in which Mr. P--could not poflibly have had any other Share or Merit, "than in feconding them

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them in Council, however he may plume himfelf on having the fole Credit of them. We ought alfo to confider, if the Commonwealth has in any Refpect fuffered, as well as been benefited, by his Guidance, that, by comparing the Good with the Bad, we may impartially determine of his Merits. But, perhaps, we thall be better able to judge of his Principles, if we take a Retrofpect of his whole Political Conduct. Mr. P—, then, during the Life of Sir $R-W---$, who, it was faid, knew his ----, continued the fame zealous and flaming Patriot as he had profeffed himfelf in the Time of $S — \mathrm{D}-$ of $M-$, who mott gracioully bequeathed him a confiderable Legacy, with no other View than that, being rendered independent, he would be lefs liable to become a Cuart-convert :

But, behold, Ld O—d had fcarce refigned his laft Breath before he began to revere the Afhes of that very Man whofe Deftruction he had before labored to effect, half bullying, half yielding to the thenreigning Adminiftration, whom he was courting at the fame time that he was maltreating, till, in fhort, Mr. $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{m}$ and he could agree upon Terms, which were no fooner fettled than he was forced on his late Majefty, by a Meafure which was not effected without offering the higheft Indignity to the Throne, and fuch as almoft partook of Treafon itfelf: From which Time all Oppofition, on his Part, to Hanoverians and Hanoverian Meafures, totally ceafed, againft whom and egainft which no Man had inveighed with greater Bitternefs and Inveteracy than himfelf.

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himfelf. "But Brutus is an honorable " Man!" What Effect this his firf Defertion of the Public-had on the Minds of Men who had entertained the highert Opinion of his Integrity and Abilites, every body remembers. All future Confidence feemed to be annihilated at once; and fuch a general Diftruft prevailed, that no body was believed to have had any thing in View, but to raife Fortunes to themfelves out of the Ruins of the Public: Whatever Meafures the Miniftry thought fit to engage in, whatever Taxes they were pleafed to impofe, paffed almoft without a Negative: And this StateCalm, which began foon after Mr . $P$ __relinquifhed the Oppofition, continued almoft uninterrupted; till a certain Great Perfonage was thought to have gained fuch Afcendency in the Cabinet as

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gave Jealoufy to the reigning Adminiftration. The War with France commencing about this Juncture, it was imagined, that a Body of Britijb Troops would have been employed in defence of his Majefy's Electoral Dominions, which wert invaded by the Enemy. Then, and not till then, Mr. P- refumed his Pa-triot-Principles, and once more manfully oppofed Continental Meafúres, declaring, that, if a fingle Man was fent to Germany, he fhould look on fuch a Step as making ourfelves Principals on the Continent. Happy, thrice happy, had it been for us, if he had fledfafly perfevered in thefe Na tional Sentiments. Millions then would have been faved to Great-Britain : Her People, too, would have been faved; whereas the Want of Hands has been feverely felt of late in almoft all our Manufactures.

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factures. On the other fide, undraned of that Money which has been fo profurely fquandered, and quite fhamefully lavifhed, in Germany, this Country would have been in a much better Condition of triumphing over her Enemy than Me can poffibly expect, engaged, as fhe is, in that dangerous, ruinous, and all-confuming German War, by which we have already been as great Lofers as we can pofibly hope to be Gainers, even on an honorable Peace. But I am forry to fay, that the Expectations of the other Party were no fooner fruftrated, than Mr. P-, on receiving the Seals, became as great an Advocate in favour of Continental Meafures as he was before a violent Oppofer of them; and, inftead of refuling, in the fame Circumftances, a fingle Man to Germany, he fends away Britijb-born Subjects

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by Thoufands, and their Money by Millions. "But Brutus is an honor" able Man!" The Confequence of this fatal Step was our being drained of fuch Numbers of Men, that a Militia, which the Court itfelf had been ever averfe to, became a Meafure of Neceffity; for without it we fhould have been left in a quite defencelefs State, more Regular Forces being actually employed abroad, in Defence of Germany, than were left at home for the Defence of GreatBritain. In this, however, Mr. P—— Shewed himfelf but lukewarm: But after it was carried in Parliament, what Ufe did he make of this truly National Meafure, (for fuch, furely, it would have been, had the Bill been properly drawn) other than to fmuggle away more Britijb Troops to Hanover? which, too,

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was done in the moft injurious Manner to this Country, the Men which were draughted for this Service being picked and culled from the refpective Corps; whereby we', in a great meafure, loft the Flower of our Army. The Militia, too, was fo harraffed, by being embodied and kept out from their refpective Counties, when no Invafion threatened the Kingdom, in which Cafe only the Spirit of the Act feemed to allow of their being kept out, that they not only became a Burthen to thePublic, but the Service was made odious to every independent Gentleman who had the Honor to bear his Majefty's Commiffion. Nor can I here pafs over a Meafure, which nothing lefs than the moft imminent and immediate. Danger threatening the State can poffibly juftify; a Meafure which can't fail Atria

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king every Lover of his Counitry with a ferious and juft Concern; a Meafure which appear's to me not only unparliamentary; but anticonftitutional ; if not, it argues at leaft a Defect in the Conftitution. I mean the Practice of raifing new Regiments without firf obtaining the Confent of Parliament. I am not infenfible, that theA pprobation of Parliament comes after: But, furely, there is a wide Difference between obtaining the Leave of Parliament at firf, and wire-drawing its Approbation after the Troops have been raifed: For there are, give me Leave to fay, who may be induced to give their Sanction to fuch a Meafure after it is done, which they could not refufe without condemning the Meafure ittelf, and the Authors of it ; and yet, perhaps, would have never given their Confent if they had been

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at firft confulted. I can't, therefore, look upon this Meafure in any other Light than inverting the Order of Bufinefs, and prefuming too much on the Pliability of Parliament. It is, however, far from my Intentions to difpute the Power of the King's Prerogative on this Occafion; but I have always been of Opinion, that this Power was vefted in the Crown when we had fewer Regular Forces than we have at prefent, with no other View than as a Provifion againt any Emergency which might happen, the Senate not fitting; in fhort, that it was given for the Protection, not the Oppreffion, of the Subject. But the new-raifed Regiments are fo far from giving any additional Strength, that they are a Weaknefs. to the Army, the old Corps being proportionably

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ably incomplete. Nor is this the greateft Mischief: There raw Men cannot be taken from their Several Trades without Trade itself becoming a confiderable Sufi= fere: The Officers, too, will neceffarily become a Burthen to is after the Peace; but, above all; the Meafure itself is totally inconfiftent with the falutary Intenton of a Militia, upon which, give me Leave to fay, the Salvation of this Counttry in a great Measure depends: For who (under any other Government than his prefent Majefty's, whole Paternal Affection for his People will always be their Safeguard) could reflect on the late amazing Increase of our Army, without being filled with the mort alarming Apprehenfrons of Military Power? which is fo great already, that, if not timely reduced, it can't fail, fooner or later, proving deftructive of British Liberty. "But
"Brutus is an honorable Man!" If, now, we compare the Expence of the War carried on under the Aufpices of the Great $D$ - of $M —$, which, too, was crowned with the greateft Succefs, with the Expence of the prefent War, we hall find no fmall Difference. On Examination, we Chall find, that the highert Expence which w. ftood at any one Year fcaree exceeded $7,200,000$ l. Civil-Lift included; and other Years not near fo much. But how much lefs this Year will our Expences amount to than eighteen Millions? Good God! Is there any Man, in his fober Senfes, who imagines that the Nation can long fupport a War carried on at this Rate? What Advantages can we hope to gain adequate to fuch an Expence as we have already been at? Nay, will it be poffible to keep even thofe which we have already gained,

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gained, if the War hould be continued on the fame lavih Footing many Years langer? To know what a Nation can or cannot bear, in order to fquare his Meafures, either of Offence or Defence, by the Extent of the People's Abilities, during a State of War, is undoubtedly a Miniter's firt Duty : For if he has not well confidered this Point, he muft infallibly be very unequal to the fole Direction, and, in fteering the Commonwealth-Ship, will be often in Dangef of runaing her on Quickfands If $\beta$ private Perfon was about erecting a magnificent Edifice, would it not be prudent in him to take it previoully into his Thoughts, how well he could afford the Expence? And if he found that he could not well fare the Money, would it not be neceflary for him to contract his Plan ?

And is not the fame Policy as requifite to a Minifter who undertakes to plan for the Public during a Time of War, without which he is liable to involve the Nation in an Expence which may fooner or late: prove its irretrievable Ruin? Great Schemes of Oeconomy, I am fenfible, were very much talked of in the Beginning : But in what did thefe fair Promifes end? The Reformation which was begun extended only to the Wine-Office, where the Commiffioners had their Salaries allowed them during Life, with an Addition of as much more as their Perquifites amounted to ; fo that the Public, inftead of being eafed in that Particular, was more heavily loaded; and all that fhe gained by it was a Kind of Reverfion of thofe Places, in cafe they mould not happen in future to be re-eftablifhed.

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Permit me here to obferve, that, when Military Officers are laid afide, they are reduced to Half-Pay only, even: though they have perhaps hazarded their Lives in their Country's Service. What Pretence, then, thefe Gentlemen could have had to more than their Salaries, I muft own that I am at a Lofs to conceive.: Other Places, altogether as ufelefs, re-: main untouched ; and, inftead of making fuch Savings of the public Treafure, as eafily might have been made, we feem to have been more profufely lavifh of it, in proportion as we can lefs afford it. What, Thameful and confufed Accounts of $\mathrm{Mo}_{-}$, neys expended in Germany, fome of it. too without proper Vouchers, have we; not known pafs a certain Place almoft without a fingle Queftion being afked;: under the baneful Influence of this Gen-:

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tleman's Adminiftration? What Numbers of idle Expeditions have there not been planned, which could not poffibly anfwer any other End than that of weakening ourfelves? And in carrying them into Execution, how very little Attention has there been paid to Oeconomy? It was but laft Year, when an Expedition was forming at Portfmouth, that, though many of the Tranfports lay then in the River, which were appointed to ferve on that Expedition, yet, inftead of having the Military Stores imbarked a-board them, they were all fent by Land at an immenfe Expence. But why do I menticn this Triale, when the fame Want of Oeconomy prevails through every Part of Government? What immenfe Expence, again, were we not put to in preparing an Expedition againf the Illand of Mau-
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ritius, which appeared at laft to have been fo ill calculated, that, before the Fleet was in readinefs, it proved too late to fend our Ships there? Let me further afk, What Advantages have we reaped from all thofe idle Expeditions which we have from Time to Time madi on the Coaft of France? In fhort, What is all this, in fact, but plundering the People of their Money, and wantonly fquandering it among a Set of iniquitous Contractors ? But, for Heaven's Sake, is it not the Part of a Minifter, efpecially one who affects to be called a Patriot Minifter, and who undertakes the fole Management of the War,is it not, I fay, his Bufinefs to fuperintend every Kind of Expence, and to watch over the Public, to fee that they, through whofe Hands the Money paffes, are guilty of no Peculation; that every thing

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thing is done in the beft, cheapeft, and mort frugal Manner: and that whatever Money is laid out, is employed to fuch Ends and Purpofes as are moft likely to redound to the Honor and Intereit of the Commonwealth ? Ought he not more particularly to be careful, how he rafhly engages the Nation in an Expence greater than the People can well fupport? The Confequence of which is, that, not being able to make good her Payments in Time, the muft pay fo much dearer for every thing; which can't fail bringing on her Ruin fo much fafter. How very near that Ruin already approaches, I mult own that I dread to think. But; to hope the beft, Thould we happily fee an End of this War, in what a miferable Condition will not this poor Country be left, which is now bleeding at every Vein! We are

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at prefent like a high-bred Steid, who, in running the Courfe, has been purhed beyond his Strength; which, however, could not have happened to us, if we had not been engaged in fighting other People's Battles as well as our own. I am fenfible it will be urged, that, in Honor, we were obliged to defend $H —-r$. Be it fo: Was there not a more eligible Expedient? Would it not have been cheaper for us to have indemnified his Majefty, by paying him as much as the neat Annual income of his Electoral Dominions amounted to, during the Time of their being in Poffeffion of the French? "But when France had agred to a Neutrality, who then advifed his Majefty to break the Treaty of Cloifter-Seven, to involve this Nation deeper than ever in a German War, and to abandon his Royal Highnefs, who made that Treaty, which no lefs redounded
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dounded to his Honor than to our $\operatorname{In}-$, tereft? Hinc illa lachryma! Was this the Price of Cabinet-Favor? Surely, if there is a Grain of Britihb Spirit left, the Time will yet come when a Parliamentary Enquiry, and a ftrict one too, will be made into this Meafure ; and I hope that I hall fill live to fee the Day when an Impeachment will be brought againft the Author of that infamous and ruinous Advice. "But Brutus is an ho"6, norable Man!" I come now to the laft Thing which I have to take notice of, in regard to Mr . $P$--'s Conduct, viz. his Refignation of the Seals, leaving, it is true, the Nation covered with Honor, but covered, too, with a Debt of little lefs than * 136 Millions, inclufive of the

* This enormous Sum exclufive of the many Millions which have been raifed and expended within the Year :


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the Expences of the enfuing Year ; very near 60 Millions of which (be it / remembered) have been contracted under Mr. P—s own glorious Adminiffration. The avowed Reafon of this extraordinary Step, taken at this Junctare, is faid to be, that, being overruled by the Majority of the Council, in regard to Meafures to be taken againf Spain, founded on what Spain had already: done, not on what that Court may further intend to do, he would not be refponfible for Meafures which he was no longer allowed to guide. But if this had been the real Caufe, why did he not refign fooner? When be received repeated Applications from our Merchants; in
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Year : All which added together, if looked upon in the Light of fo much Purchafe-Money, cannot appear other. than buying Honor at a moft extravagant Price.

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regard to their not having received any Satisfaction on account of fuch Captures as had been made after the Time limited by Treaty, and which were acknowledged and confeffed by the Court of Spain itfelf, did then any of his Warmth appear againft Spain? Or did he exert himfelf in obtaining thofe injured People a proper Redrels? When, again, the Retention of the Antigallican rung in his Ears, did he then require proper Satisfaction, or infift on an immediate Rupture with Spain? Nay, did not his Friends at that very Time take Pains to perfuade People of its being a very improper Juncture to break with Spain? If then, on neither of thefe Occafions, he infifted on vigorous Meafures, or refigned the Seals, is it verylikely that he fhould do it now with any other View but to withdraw himfelf in Time,

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before People's Eyes were open, and his Credit failed him? But admit, for a Moment, that this was the true Caufe of his Refignation. Is it a Point fo undeniably clear, that we ought immediately to enter into a War with Spain, as not to leave Room for any Doubt? Might there not be thofe of a more fedate and calm Temper, who, without Offence, might think fuch a Step too precipitate, and might poffibly wifh that every juft Expedient was firft tried before War was declared, which once begun, who knows where and when it may end? Is it fure, too, in our prefent Circumftances, which are entirely owing to this Gentleman's Conduct, that without abandoning Germany, which I don't find that he ever intended, we could carry on fuch a War any long Time without Rifk of a Na -

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tional Bankruptcy? That Spain has been much more difpofed to fhow Favor to the Enemy than to us, and that her Behaviour to our People is, in many Inftances, totally inexcufable, I make not the leaft Queftion : But, perhaps, it may be good Policy, even in Princes, fometimes to look through their Fingers; Peace, in a Trading Country, being far more eligible than War. In the mean time, to prepare for War, as if War was unavoidable, is no lefs prudent than neceffary; and if Spain, notwithftanding our Forbearance, fhould proceed to force us into one, by adding Infult to Infult, as we Thall have nothing to anfwer for, in carrying on the War, to God or Man, we ought to fupport our prefent National Diftrefs with the Courage of Romans, and, if poffible, redouble our Efforts, with a Refolution of
convincing our unprovoked Enemy, that we are not reduced to fo low an Ebb, a\& not to be able to take that ample Satisfaction of her Infolence, which injured Britons have fo juft a Right to expect and demand. The Queftion then comes in regard to this Gentleman's being made refponfible for Meafures which he himfelf did not approve in Council: In anfwer to which, give me Leave to fay, if delivering his Opinion in Writing, figned with his Name, was not alone fufficient to have indemnified him, what hindered him, as a Member of Parliament, moving for an humble Addrefs to his Maje= Ity, to have peremptorily demanded Satisfaction from the Court of Spain for any Lofles fuftained by his Britilb Subjects, and to have affured him of his Parliament's Readinefs to fupport him in cafe of Spain!'s
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Spain's Refufal ? which if he had done, having had fufficient Grounds for it, who afterwards could have blamed Mr. Pon account of Spain? But the Manner in which he profeffes quitting the Seals is perhaps unexampled; becaufe, forfooth, he was not any longer fuffered to guide: As if they who compofed the Council were fummoned only as fo many Noughts to make this Gentleman's Unity fo much more fignificant; and that they were admitted on no better Footing at that Board, than to be entirely at his Devotion in every Meafure which he pleafed to dictate to them. Good Gods! what aftonihing Infolence! that one Man fhould prefume to take upon himfelf the Guidance of the reft, of equal Birth, of equal Parts and Abilities with himfelf, and to deny his Prinnce that Privilege, which his Prerogative

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tive entitles him to, efpecially in regard to Peace and War, of either receiving or rejecting the Council which is offered! To have fuffered this, one muft have looked on his Majefty as held in Leading-Strings, and the reft of the Council merely as this Gentleman's Attendants. TheWifdom and Excellency of this Conftitution is manifeft in nothing more than in leaving as little abfolute Power as poffible even in the Hands of the Crown : And Thall a Subject dare ufurp it; one, too, who has profeffed himfelf a Friend to Liberty and the Conftitution? When a late Great Minifter was called, by his Adverfaries; a Kind of Dictator, who more paffionately exclaimed againft his Power than Mr. P—? And yet he would willingly now affume to himfelf the fame Power of Dictatorfhip.

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But what Shadow of Excufe has he for taking a Penfion of 3000 1. per annum for his and his Son's Life, and that too at a Time of public Diftrefs? Is it for the Services which he has done his OWN Country? As to them, has he not been fufficiently rewarded by the great and opulent Places which he has long enjoyed? And I will add, that whatever he has done is no more than he owes his Country in the Difcharge of his Duty. How widely different, and how much more noble, was the Conduct of the Great Lock on the like Occafion! who did infinitely more Honor to his Country than ever Mr. P—did. When, on account of his Health, he was obliged to refign his Place at the Board of Trade, where no Man was ever better qualified to fit than himfelf, and had a Penfion offered him,

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him, though he really wanted it, he had too much public Spirit to Lecome a Burden to his Country. How different alfo was Lord Sunderland's Behaviour in a parallel Cafe! who declared, that, if he was not deemed worthy of ferving his Country, he would never be guilty of plundering her. By thefe Inftancés we may fee in what Light thefe Kinds of Favors have been always received. What avails it, then, to endeavour to glofs over this Affair, by calling it the fpontaneous Mark of his Majefty's Approbation of his Services, which differs not in the leaft from the meaneft Penfion? Let us now confider thofe eminent Services for which his Country is indebted to him, and fee what they amount to. Ard I think, (for I fee his Merits as well as his Demerits) that he has none greater to boaft of than that

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that Spirit which he feems to have infufed into the Adminiftration, who before him were as much too pacific as he is too enterprifing. To him alfo we owe the Reduction of Canada, which, neverthelefs, I doubt, has coft us more in Money and Men than the Country itfelf is worth. But the Frencb Iflands, upon which their Fifheries depend, are undoubtedly of the utmoft Importance, as the Lofs of them tends greatly to weaken the Enemy's Marine, and to ftrengthen pur own. With regard to Senegal and Gorée, if I am rightly informed, Mr. Phad no other Share in the Conqueft of them, than in giving his Approbation of the Meafure which had been propofed as an Object worthy our Attention. Who firft projected the Conqueft of Martinico and Guadalupe, I know not; but this one

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may venture to fay, that, however valuable they may be in themfelves, we are much more indebted to Pruvidence for Guadalupe, than we are to the firf Projectors. Succefs, however, hath crowned this laft Action with Glory, and renders thofe blamelefs who would otherwife have been liable to Cenfure, for diffipating the public Moneyin a Project which, from the Beginning, was foill contrived and provided for, that the Succeefs was almoft next to a Miracle. Is it, however, lefs reafonable to expect, that a Secretary of State, from the Nature of his Office, Thould have been perfeedyacquainted with the Strength and Weaknefs of the Enemy in all Places within his own Department; and that, whilf he affumed the Minifter, no Meafure would have been concerted but in confequence of fuch Knowledge, without
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without leaving the Succefs of our Arms entirely to Chance? Bellejle is a Kind of Make-weight added to the reft : For, notwithftanding fuch Sums as have been expended in taking it, I know of no Ufe which it has been of to us, but to teach our Military Gentlemen Experience. Let us now look on the other Side of the Ac-count, and we fhall find, that we are indebted to this Gentleman for engaging us as Principals in a German War, which of late has coft us, befides the Lofs of Mene little lefs than five Millions Sterling per Annum. And, for thefe two Years paft, our Trade has been much expofed to the Enemy's Privateers, whilf many of our Ships have been idly alarming the Coaft of France, and others as idly watching the River Vilaine: Whereas, had our Fieet been employed as, E 2 it

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it ought to have been, we might, with a fmall additional Expence, have made ourfelves Mafters of Martinico, and deftroyed all the French Settlements on St. Domingo. In hort, the Money and Men which this German War has coft us, and the Expence which we have from Time to Time put ourfelves to in forming idle Expeditions, amounts even to more than all that this Gentleman himfelf propofed to retain, Wien he made his laf Ceffions * to Monfieur Bulfj, is actually worth; which Terms,

* Though the Goodnefs and Safety of a future Peace entirely depended on the Retention of the Frencly Sugar-Illands and Filheries, which alone can prevent the future Increafe of the Enemy's Naval Power, yet the Reftoration of them was agreed to in fettling Preliminaries with this Gentleman.


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Terms, however, the Enemy is yet too haughty to accept. What mighty Caufe, then, have we to triumph? And, more particularly, if we reflect, and furely we ought to reflect, on the State of our Public Debt, which has been fo. much inflamed by his Meafures, that the Nation already faggers under its Comenfe Load: A Confideration which is the more affecting, as the Confequences will be much more feverely. felt on the Decline of our Trade; which muft neceffarily be expected whenever the Sword is heathed, and a happy Period fut to the Rage of War; and more enectially as it feems to be a Point given yp ishich, for my Country's Sake, I am forry to hear) that the French fhould be allowed the Fifhing-Trade in the Gulf of St. Laurence, and the Banks

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of * Newfoundland, almoft in as unlimited a Manner as they before enjoyed it.

And now, $\mathbf{O}$ ye Mothers! whofe Sons have fo often enjoyed the Fofts of Honour in Germany, I appeal to you, if you have not Reafon to extol Mr. $P$-, though few, very few, perhaps, of your Children, at y ever return to tell the Story of all their direful HardThips! And you, Gentlemen, who pay and not receive Taxes, give me Leave to afk you, if you have not found the higheft Satisfaction in Mr. P-'s Conduct and Management? But, above all, you Gentlemen of the Alley, and you,

* Whatever is not mentioned in the new Treat ty remains good on the Footing of the old.


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you, ye Contractors, are you not obliged in Gratitude; more than any body, to offer Incenfe to the Shrine of this Great Minifter? for furely, under his Adminiftration, you have reaped a Golden Harveft: But neverthelefs, 'hould any of you prove fo unconfciencious as to deny his great Merit, I make no Doubt but that he is unembaraffed enough to applaud himfelf, and to laugh at the Cits.
$F I N I S$

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- Aftier the Words, meaneft Penfion, Page 32, add, which nothing but a willing. Mind could induce his Acceptance: of when a Man's Honor was at ftake.

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