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The Remainder of the ADDRESS, began in our last.

THE next consideration is, whether the Power given into the Hands of France by the late Peace, may Increase her naval force so far as to Hazard the Security of this Kingdom.

If this should ever prove to be the Case, every honest Man's Heart in it will tremble for the safety of his King and this poor Nation, and his Tongue will curse the Authors of the Danger.

The prodigious Trade freely given back out of our own Hands to France seems at present to look upon us with a gloomy Aspect on this Account. The Quantity of shipping, and consequently Sailors supported by it, was not known or believed, before the Successes of our Arms revealed the Secret. But when it was known, that it should then be all voluntarily thrown back to them again, together with that grand Nursery of Seamen the Newfoundland Fishery, is to us truly unaccountable, and at present appears extremely dangerous. If the Ministry should ask, would you have France left without any Trade? We answer, no. We would wish her enough for her own Support and Defence; but not more than would keep her Hands out of Mischief.

With Regard to the Newfoundland fishery, Your Majesty will give us Leave to express the strong Sense we have of the necessary Importance of securing the Power and Interest of Your Majesty's Dominions in that Fishery, which is one of the most essential Foundations of our Naval Power; and it is our earnest Re-

quest, that, whatever Ministry may be employed in the Conduct of our Affairs, they may guard it with a watchful Eye, a steady Conduct, and a determined vigorous Resolution; that they may never forget the faithless and ungrateful Behaviour of France in this Case, after the Peace of Utrecht: Tho' that was the first Treaty which gave her the least Right of Claim to any Share in that Trade, she no sooner found herself in Possession of it, but boldly ventured to sink any British Ships, which presumed to fish to the northward of the Island, calling that part of the Sea her own; and all this upon no better pretence than her being indulged with a liberty to dry her Fish on that Part of the Coast of an Island, in which she had no Right to a foot of Land as a Proprietor. There is another Power of France, relating to this Affair, which requires to be equally watched and prevented, otherwise it may prove equally destructive, as it may in Time give France the Monopoly of that Fishery; that is her Power to underwork us, and consequently to undersell us in foreign Markets. For let Men be ever so willing and ready to serve their Country, it is impossible for them to support a losing Trade. The Consequence is very clear.

It is not long ago we thought we had every Thing to hope; and now surely the Ministry themselves cannot blame us for wishing we had nothing to fear.

But notwithstanding these alarming Appearances, we are not yet left without Hope. We have the Protection of that Divine Providence to depend upon, which has so remarkably favoured this Nation, even in the most perilous Time