

PROPER Object of War, much less the ONLY Subject of Peace.—We look upon the *Enemy* as the Object of War, and *Indemnity* from him for past Injuries, with *Security* against his future hostile Attempts, as the proper Objects of Peace.—Such Security would fix the Power of maintaining PEACE (where it ought to be) in the Conquerer's Hands.

But if any Ministry will presume to throw the Power of maintaining Peace out of their Hands, and then say they have *made a Peace*; it looks too much like the old Cry (complained of by the Prophet) of *Peace, Peace, when there is no Peace!* It may be but laying the Foundation of another, perhaps, more bloody and expensive War; which, *how* it can be supported, or *how* it may end, GOD only knows; and *how* far they may again deserve HIS Protection, HE alone is the Judge; tho' some Men may possibly, in the mean Time, distress themselves with unwelcome Conjectures. Ministers who act in this Manner, however pathetically they may talk of the Effusion of Human Blood, will be deemed no better than *Men who delight in War*, by those who may *feel much more* for that dreadful Calamity upon their Fellow Creatures, than Men who make a Parade of talking of it only to serve a present private Turn.—In all this, we trust, Your Majesty's Wisdom and Humanity will join with Us.—How far these General Observations are applicable to the late Treaty of 1763, merits a *serious* Consideration.

OUR Fears on this Occasion We will not scruple to lay before the Tender FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY, humbly confiding in Your Majesty's Wisdom and Virtue, that, if they should hereafter appear not altogether groundless, all the Remedy *will be applied* that is left in Your Majesty's Power.

The great Expence which *France* has put this Kingdom to in Defence of its undoubted Rights, before she would submit to any Terms of Accommodation, is, doubtless, a very *material* Part of that Injury which claims Indemnity and Satisfaction.—That Your Majesty's *Ministers* clearly saw how sensibly the Debt contracted on this Account affected Your Majesty's Subjects, appears evidently, from their heavy Complaints of the *Incapacity*, they declared themselves reduced to thereby, of raising Supplies to continue the War. Therefore We could not look upon Ourselves as authorized to *suspect* that it was possible for them to lose

Sight of that *material* Object in their Negotiation for Peace. For if We could not continue the War with Four Monopolies against *France* in Our Hands, *viz.* The *East-India, African, Sugar, and Fish* Trades, together with all the *American* Riches of *Spain* in our Power; with what Hope or Courage can We enter into a new, tho' defensive War, without one of these Advantages, if *France* or *Spain* should drive us to that Necessity? unless some Provision has been made by the Treaty of Peace for the Payment of that Debt by *France*, which she has forced us to contract in our own Defence; or some exclusive Branch of Trade reserved to this Kingdom, which may diminish it by Degrees, and afford a reasonable Hope of seeing the greatest paid off, before the Necessity of Affairs shall raise the melancholy Prospect of being obliged to double it, without being able to see that the whole Wealth of the Kingdom will be sufficient to bear the Expence: If the unprecedented Successes of the War had not thrown into our Hands *enough* to answer this necessary Purpose, we think we had *no more* than our just Due, and consequently had *Nothing* to restore, that Our Enemies were unable to take by Force; and if we had *more than enough*, so much (*at least*) we think ought in all Prudence, to have been reserved.

That there is scarcely any Branch of Trade, which *France* has in common with us, and is equally Master of, but she is able to undersell Us in any Market equally open to both, is a Fact which no sensible Ministry can be ignorant of; and which a wise and honest Ministry, We think, would carefully provide against as far as in their Power lay; especially when the Necessities of the Nation loudly called for it.

WE are greatly concerned to find Ourselves obliged to acknowledge, that, after carefully examining the *public* Articles of the Treaty of 1763, no *adequate Provision* appears to Us to be there made for these *important* Services: If they are happily provided for by any *secret* Article, the Ministry, by making it known, would give great Comfort to Your Majesty's Faithful Subjects, and a lasting Honour would redound to themselves.

WE heartily wish, for Your Majesty's Sake as well as Our own, that the Loss of that vast Trade thrown back into the Hands of *France*, may not diminish the Income of the public Revenue so far, as to reduce us to the Necessity of finding out new Funds to pay the Interest of  
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