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SOME FURTHER OBSERVATIONS TREAT NAVIGATION AND COMMERCE BETWEEN GREAT-BRITAIN AND R A N C E;AND On the Scheme of the French TRADE, From 1668, to 1669.

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Some Further Observations on the

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Navigation and Commerce,

BETWEEN

Great-Britain and France, &c.



red to the Commissioners, Page 55. of the Treaty of Commerce, it is said, That only Barrel Fish is to be imported into France, Now a Last, or 12 Barrels

of Herrings is to pay 40 Livres Tournois, or 31. 11 s. and 3d. Sterling, at 4s. and 6d. per French Crown of 3 Livres Tournois; (which Calculation of Four Shillings and Six-pence is made according to the intrinsick Worth of their Money, when

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in time of Peace; for 'twould be impertinent in us to make the Calculation at the Price the Money now goes at in France, where the French King has from time to time heighten'd or lowered the Denomination of his Money, as his Affairs have required, the Regulation whereof is expected every Moment) fo that every Barrel of Herrings will Pay near fix Shillings Sterling, besides a further Duty, which, perhaps, may not well be consider'd, viz. That by the same Article, 'tis also to Pay a further Duty, or Excise, or by what other Name it shall be called, in the feveral Towns through which it shall pass all over the Kingdom of France. The Words of the Article are as follows:

And at all the Places of Entrance in the Kingdom, Countries, and Territories, under the Dominion of the King, even at all Free Ports (of which Dunkirk is one) the Duties of Landing, and of Consumption, shall be paid, which were appointed before the Tariff of 1664, (Who can tell how much that may be?) and besides 40 Livres per Last of Twelve

Barrels.

Can this, together with those Duties of six Shillings per Barrel, be deemed any other than a Probibition? There was no need to restrain its Importation to Five Places only, for these Things considered, One would have been more than could be made use of; so that the French may truly say, they gave us

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Five Places, the better to facilitate our Com-

Note, The Calculation in the Scheme hereunto annexed, is made on the Prime Cost in France and in England, to avoid any Mistake in valuing them as they now sell, when Duties, &c. are added; nor would that shew the real Value in the Country from whence they are brought, without which, a true Estimate cannot be made of the Ballance of Trade.

If at that time, this Nation took off 11000 Tons of Wine, and 4000 Tons of Brandy from France, Communibus annis, How wast will the Importation be now?

N. B. The Lead is over-rated near 3 l. per Fodder; Allum above One third Part first Cost, and other Things in Proportion.

The Valuation there put on the Norwick Stuffs, Serges, Perpetuanoes, and most of the other Woollen Goods, exceed what they are now worth about One fourth Part.

Nor can it be supposed that any of these Woollen Goods will be sent to France, though it should be granted that there is a Liberty by the Treaty so to do, because it's contrary to Reason, to believe that when the French are such expert Workers of that Manufacture, as to vie with us in a Foreign Trade, as they actually do with too much Success in that to Turkey, how can we expect to compare with them in France it self, where they

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of our Woollen Goods? So that the Allowance they give us of importing Woollen Goods to St. Vallery, Rouen, and Bourdeaux, must not be esteem'd of any Moment to us.

If the Trade to France was disadvantageous in 1669, as by this Scheme it feems to be, Itwas because the low Duties then paid bere on French Commodities, gave a great Encouragement to their Confumption: On the contrary, 'tis acknowledged by the Papers of the C-rs of Trade, That in the Three Years and a Half after the Peace of Reswick. this Nation gain'd upon the Ballance of Trade with France, 385000 l. where 'tis to be consider'd, that all that while the French Commodities were under severe Prohibitions. and very high Duties; which discouraging the Consumption of French Goods, brought the Ballance in our Favour: Nor will the French take any more of our Commidities now, than they did during that short-liv'd Peace; but if the Duties be lowered here. and the Prohibitions taken off, we shall take off their Goods to an immense Value, which may rather exceed, than otherwise, the Calculation here-under.

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(7) Upon the Calculation in the Scheme hereunto annex'd, the Article of Linnen, Canvas, &c. 507250 04 00 what is there reckon'd, confidering what is privately brought in, and the great Consumption of French Silks fince that time, and what is entred in the Out-Ports, and the Article of black Silks, (which alone cannot amount to less than 500000 l.) the whole may fairly be reckon-800000 00 00 Clarets, which in this Calculation are let at but 121. 10 s. first Cost in France, are since encreased to 25 l. per Ton, one with another, at the very least, occasion'd by the great Demand there is for those Wines, from the Fashion of drinking Red-Wine now more than at that time, not only in England, but in Holland, Germany, and even France it felf; so that at 25 %. per Ton, they are rather under than over valued; which upon 14000 Tons per Ann. that 'tis acknowledged by the C-rs were 350000 00 00 imported fince, comes to 4000 Tons of Brandies at 100000 00 00 25 l. per Ton, --- ---These Four Articles alone, 1757250 00 00 make upwards of --without reckoning any encrease

on the Linnen Manufacture. A 4.

The Paper, Feathers, Kid-Skins, Salt and Rozen, amounts, by the Calculation hereunto annex'd, with the Vinegar, Cork, &c. to —

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Together — 1868650 co 00 Over and above the *Laces*, &c. to an incredible Value.

Besides the Encrease, which (were there time) might be more particularly found by the Custom-House-Books, from 1669, to 1688. N. B. That in the Year 1620, there was a Book Printed, giving an Account of the Newfoundland Trade, which then employ'd upwards of 200 Sail of English Ships, wherewith we then furnished all Europe with that Fish; but that Trade is now, since the French have had Liberty of Fishing, and Drying their Fish there, most miserably decay'd; and tis feared, will do so every Day more and more, if they are to have Cape Bretton yeilded to them, which is to the West-South-West of all our Settlements there, and be also allow'd to dry their Fish to the Northward of Bonavista, by which they will be on both fides of us.

By all that has been faid, 'tis not intended to debar Gentlemen from drinking French Wine, but only that if the Duties on Wines must be lowered, the high Duties on other Commodities should not. After the Peace of Reswick,

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Reswick, the best French Clarret was commonly fold but at 100 l. per Ton by the Importer, and 1201. per Ton by the Vintner, which is but 2 s. 9 d. per Quart; and when the high Duties on French Wines are reduced down to the Duties payable upon Portugal Wines, twill only lessen the Price about 7 d. or 8 d. per Quart. So that the Dispute lies here, Whether Gentlemen will becontented to -pay 2s. 9d. per Quart, with the high Duties? Or, Whether they had rather, by taking them off, have it at 2 s. 2 d. per Quart; and at the same time, let in all other Commodities of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of France in great Quantities, to the Ruin of the many Poor People whose absolute Dependance is on the Manufactures of England, and reducing them to a State of Beggary, or force them to go to France; which was the Effect of that Act of Parliament that was made to hinder the fending any Woollen Manufactures out of Ireland to any Foreign Country; for the Poor of Ineland, who could not after that find Employment there, and were refused to be admitted into the feveral Parishes here in England, who thought they had Poor enough, were reduced to the Necessity of going to France, or Starving. The French were so wife as to receive them, Poor as they were, with open Arms; and tis this that has very much helped to bring the Perpetuanoes, and other Woollen Manufactures in France to that Perfection,

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fection, wich will encrease still more and more, if our own Poor Workmen are forced

to go thither too.

Some Gentlemen may apprehend that if the 8th and 9th Articles of the Treaty of Commerce are not rendred effectual, the Peace will be broke; but there can be no Reason to fear any such thing, for the Treaty of Peace and the Treaty of Commerce are two distinct Treaties; nay, so far from that, that the rest of the Articles of the Treaty of Commerce will still be firm. So that no Inconvenience can arise by the not passing such an Act; but on the contrary, a great deal of Good; for then the Silks, Linnens, Paper, Salt, and other Growths and Manufactures of France will be discouraged, and our own encouraged. And as for Wines, the greatest Misfortune attending them, will be, that they will be fold by the Retailer at about 7 d. or 8 d. per Quart dearer than if the Duties were lower'd; a great Inconvenience indeed! And as for Brandies, they may, paying the high Duties, be fold at 2 s. 3 d. or 2 s. 7 d per Quart; but if those Duties are taken off, we shall lose the Distilling of any Spirits from Barley, Molasses, or other Things here, which brings in so great a Revenue.

But besides, there is no part of the Treaty of Peace, nor any other Article of the Treaty of Commerce that can be any ways broke by the leaving the 8th and 9th Articles as they

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are; as will appear from the Words of the 9th Article it self, for there 'tis provided's That within two Months from the Exchange of the Ratifications of this Treaty, Commiliaries shall meet on both sides at London (what to do?) to consider of, and remove the Difficulties concerning the Merchandize to be excepted out of the Tariff of 1664, and concerning other Heads, which are not yet wholly adjusted. And then the Article goes on, and fays: and at the same time the said Commissaries shall likewise endeavour (which seems to be very much for the Interest of both Nations) to have Methods of Commerce on one part, and of the other more thorowly examin'd, and to find out and establish just and beneficial Means on both sides for removing the Difficulties in this Matter, and for regulating the Duties mutually. From whence tis plain, that should fuch a Law pass, as is there demanded, it is fupposed by the Article it self, that there would be many Things which would yet demand to be more thorowly examin'd, and to find out and establish just and beneficial Means on both Sides. So that there may be many Alterations made after passing such a Law. and the Treaty not thereby broken. But if it should happen that the French Commissaries should be stiff, and would not agree to just and beneficial Means for us, our Act would notwithstanding that be passed, and they would reap the Benefit of it.

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These things we take to be of the utmost Consequence to the Well-being of the Nation, and we hope that just and beneficial Means will be settled, and then the French cannot so

easily prejudice us.

In our Humble Opinion, it had been better that One of the Five Places where Barrel Fish is admitted to an Entry in France, had been situated on the Mediterranean-Sea, and that Marseilles had been inserted, instead of Libourne; or if no Place in the Mediteranean could be procured, that at least those Five on the Ocean, had been placed at such Distances, as to render the Confumption more Diffusive. Marseilles is the chiefest for Trade of all the French Ports in the Mediterranean, whereas Libourne is a Place of little or no Trade; and is so near Bourdeaux (Distance about 10 Leagues) that 'tis feared very little more of the Inland Part of France will be supplied from thence, than from Bourdeaux alone, both Rivers on which they stand having the same (Emboucheure, or) opening to the Sea, and may be fitly compared to Glocester and Bristol, or Rochester and London.

The Advantages which the French may receive by the 9th Article more than we, deferves to be taken Notice of; the Words are, Fol. 14. That no more Customs or Duties be paid for Goods and Merchandizes brought from France (é Gallia) to Great-Britain, than, &c. and lower in the same Page, 'tis said, That

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all Probibitions, Tariffs, Edicts, Declarations, or Decrees made in France, since the said Tariff of 1664; and contrary thereunto, in respect to the Goods and Merchandizes of Great-Britain (Bona Mercesque Magna Britania) shall be repealed. By which Words we are apprehensive, that should an Act pass to make this Article effectual, the Act of Navigation, and other Acts (this being subsequent to them) may in some Measure be repealed: And that all Goods, whether they be of the Growth or Manufacture of France, or of any other Country, as Turkey, Italy, &c. coming FROM France (é Gallia) may be admitted here, by virtue of this Article, without an equal Admission of Turkey, East-India, or other Foreign Commodities, to be fent from hence to France; because we fear, That the Words (Magna Britannia) OF Great-Britain (not é Magna Britannia) FROM Great-Britain, will, by that Subtle Nation (who know as well how to make use of the Letter against the Spirit, as the Spirit against the Letter, of a Treaty) be construed to restrain us from fending them any Commodites, but what are properly of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture OF Great-Britain; an Advantage over us which ought not eafily to be allow'd them.

What makes us the more fearful of the foregoing Disadvantage to this Nation, is the Nice Distinction the French made in their Edict

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Edict of the 6th of Septem. 1701. prohibiting our Merchants, and our Ships (tho' fold to, and navigated by others) from carrying any Merchandize whatsoever into France, except they were of English Growth, or made wholly of English Materials.

The EDICT runs thus:

Or donne pareillement Sa Majesté que les Negocians Anglois, soit qu'ils viennent sur des vaisseaux d'Angleterre, ou sur des vaisseaux d'autres Nations a eux appartenans; & les vaisseaux Anglois, soit quils appartienent ou soient Commandez par des Anglois, ou quils appartienent a des Negocians d'autre Nations, ou soit Commandez par d'autres Estrangers; ne pourront apporter dans le Royaume d'autres Marchandises que celles du crû, & celles fabriquées aveq; des Matieres du crû d'Angleterre, â peine de Confiscation de la Marchandise & du Vaisseau, & de trois mille Livres d'amende contre le Marchand qui les recevroit dans le Royaume.

IN ENGLISH.

His Majesty likewise orders, that the English Traders, Whether they come upon Ships belonging to England, or upon Ships of other Nations to them belonging; and English Ships, whether they belong to, or are commanded by English, or whether they belong to Traders of other Nations, or commanded by Foreigners (That was, lest we should have the Advantage of Building for, and Selling Ships to other Nations) shall not bring into

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the Kingdom other Merchandize, than such as are of the Growth, or Manufactured with the Materials of the Growth of England, upon Pain of forfeiting Ship and Goods, and 3000

Livres Penalty upon the Importer.

This severe Edict of 1701, does not appear by the 9th Article to be repealed, and therefore will still be in full Force; for the Words in the 9th Article are only, That all Probibitions, &c. in respect to the Goods and Merchandize af Great-Britain, shall be repealed; but this respecting the Goods that are not of the Growth or Manufacture of Great-Britain, but brought in English Ships, is not thereby repealed, and confequently, no Wrought Silks, Printed or Stained Callicoes, no Pepper, nor other East-India Goods; no Gauls, or other Turkey Goods, can be fent into France from hence, because they are not of the Growth or Manufacture of Great-Britain. Nay, more; no Cloth, Ratines, or Serges (were it possible to afford them cheaper than the French) can be sent into France from hence, if they are Manufactured of, or Mixt with, Spanish Wooll, that being a Foreign Material. Nor any Fish, unless it be wholly cured with English Salt.

But supposing that a Liberty of carrying Turkey, and other Commodities to France, in British Ships should be yielded us, it can be of little Use in any Trade; but less in the Turkey Trade, than any other: For if it be con-

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fidered that the French have a very good Woollen Manufacture in the Southern Provences of France, which they fend to Turkey from Marseilles, and receive their Returns in Raw-Silk, and other Commodities, directly back again. If it be further considered, how vastly nearer Marseilles is, than England, to Turkey, and how much more the Freight and Insurance is from Turkey to England, than to Marseilles; and also, that on Re-shipping from hence the Half-Subsidy (which is not drawn back) together with the Freight, Infurance, and other Charges on Re-shipping fuch Goods from hence to France, must greatly inhaunce the Account. When these Things are put together, he must be very Fond, that can suppose any Turkey or any Italian, Spanish, Portugal, or East-India Commodities can be Shipped off from hence for France: So that this Liberty, if it be granted, ought to be esteemed of little Account; and that all Things, even their Concessions, are to be suspected from such a Nation as That.

Aut ulla putatis
Dona carere dolis Danaum? Sic notus Ulisses?
Aut boc inclusi ligno occultantur Achivi;
Aut bæc in nostros fabricata est Machina Muros,
Inspectura Domos, venturaque de super urbi,
Aut aliquis latet error: equo ne credite, Teucri.
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LONDON, 29 Nov. 1674.

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A SCHEME of the TRADE,

As it is at present Carried on

Between England and France,

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By the Account above, your Lordships may perceive, that the Linnen and Silk Manufactures only, Imported from France, amount to upwards of Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds, and the Manufactures of Wooll and Silk Exported from England thither, do not amount to Eighty Five Thousand Pounds. As also all other Commodities of the Product and Manufacture of England Exported into France, do not amount to Ninety Thousand Pounds more: Whereas the Wines, Brandies, and other Commodities of the Product and Manufacture of France Imported into England, amount to upwards of Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds; besides an incredible Value of Toyes, rich Apparel, Point-Lace, &c. So that it is apparent, that the Exports of our Native Commodities and Manufactures of France, are less in Value by at least One Million of Pounds Sterling, than the Native Commodities and Manufactures of France, we receive from thence: And if it please your Lordships to resear the English Nation hath suffaciently and the great Advantage the French have, and do daily make, by holding this Treaty in Suspence; this Nation being upon the Matter excluded Trade thither, while in the mean Time the French enjoy all and as great Advantages as they can reasonably expect by any Treaty.

Patience Ward, Thomas Papillon, James Houblon, William Bellamy, Michael Godfrey, George Torriano, John Houblon, John Houghe, John Mervin, Peter Paravicine. John Dubois, Benj. Godfrey, Edm. Harrison, Benj. Delaune, <u>0750</u>