

French Agents, have every One in their Turns, exercised over us: I need not mention Particulars; we all know how it has been; and seeing One Person, I do not know One Merchant, but ascribes the Decay of the Trade, to the same Cause that I do.

THE R E F O R E I am hopeful, now the Cause is so well known, every Body, both for their own Sakes, and the Interest of their Employers, will join their Hearts and Hands, to relieve themselves, and Friends, from so great Oppression. We are striving for Nothing but our Livelihoods, and the Livelihoods of many Thousands whom we represent, and whose Bread depends upon our good or bad Management.

THE R E F O R E, as we are only striving to live, and are willing to let live, I think no Person can, with Reason, be offended, at what we have been doing, or shall do, to attain so reasonable an End.

BUT how to come at this End, is the great Question: That it is possible to be come at, is without Question. The Necessity of endeavouring a Remedy, admits I think of no little Doubt: But the Manner how, is to be considered.

I O willing Minds, every Thing will be easy: Let every One but aim at the same Mark, and yield to one another, both in Opinion, and their separate Interest: For in all Laws, and publick Agreements, what may be good for the Whole in a publick Capacity, may pinch upon some private Interest, in the Practice or Execution. If that be not sacrificed to the Publick Good, no Society can prosper. Could we once come into this Frame of Mind, and unite our Endeavours, we should soon surmount all Difficulties.

F R O M the united Councils of all the Merchants, Care a Remedy may be found to this growing Evil.

A S I am One of the Society, I think my self bound