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Throne, and unnaturally truckt One Kingdom with that Christian Monster of *Turkish* Barbarity, for the empty Hopes of re-possessing the other Two; it seem'd convenient to his *Irish Bashaw*, and the Jesuitic *Cabal*, to make sure of a retreating Place, and that of Necessity must be *Ireland*; which having formerly been given to the Pope, and by him transferred to the King of *Spain*, must now be sold, or mortgaged to the *French* Usurper; to facilitate whose Entry by removing all Obstacles, the present Possessors must be put out of Doors, that so *Livery and Seisin* might be given, in imitation of the *due Form of Law*. Hereupon Plots were invented; several Protestant Gentlemen were committed to Prison, Indicted, and Tryed for their Lives; abundance of Commissions were issued, and the Army multiplied into many Regiments of Horse and Foot; for whose Entertainment, there being no Fund of a growing Revenue, the Goods of the Protestants were consigned to their subsistence; which they did not pilfer by Night, but drove away whole Flocks and Herds at Noon-day; and in case of Resistance, securing their Prey by the Murder of the Owners. Thus the Province of *Munster* was exposed to a Military Execution: *Conaught* was entirely plunder'd; and had not the Gates of *Londonderry* been opportunely shut, when a Regiment of *Irish* were ready to enter it, all *Ulster* had been under the same Fate, and probably had been followed by an Universal *Massacre*. But the surprizing News of the Prince of *Orange*'s Adventure, and the total Exclusion of Popery and Arbitrary Government in *England*, awakened the Protestants in *Ulster* to stand upon their Guard; and animated them with an Assurance, That *their Redemption was drawing nigh*; flattering themselves

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his Parish at thirty Pounds *per annum*; where they are generally sold at Twelve-Pence *per* dozen; the innumerable Flocks of *Swans* and *Barnacles* that haunt the River of *Loughfoyl*, but that it would exclude the wonder due to the rest.) But because these Priviledges are inherent to the Soil, and not communicable to the Use and Benefit of the Neighbours, I shall pass over the further commemoration of those Matters, and apply my self to the Rehearsal of such Particulars only, as render *Ireland* in its happy Scituation a most desirable Countrey, and highly advantageous in its Accession to the Crown of *England*.

Possibly there is not a Country in the whole World so admirably accommodated with *convenient Bays, safe Harbours, large Havens, and useful Creeks*; and that not only in some Sides and Corners, but quite round the Island. To describe the Harbours of *Carlingford*, *Strangford*, the *Lough of Carricfergus*, *Donaghadee*, *Loghlern*, *Raghlin*, *Portrush*, *Lough-foyl*, *Lough-swilly*, *Sheep-Haven*, *Castledow*, *Killebeggs*, *Ballyshannon*, *Sligo*, and *Black-Sod* in the *North* and *West Parts*; *Galway*, *Lymerick*, *Trallee*, *Dingle*, *Kilmar*, *the Great Bay of Bantry*, (including *Bere-Haven*, and many others) *Ship-Haven*, *Crook-Haven*, *Baltimore*, *Castle-Haven*, *Castlemain*, the matchless Haven of *Kinsale*, the noble River of *Cork*, *Yoghal*, *Dungarvan*, *Waterford*, *Slade*, *Wexford*, *Arclo*, *Dublin*, &c. in the *South* and *Eastern* Parts; beside almost innumerable *Creeks*, *Ports*, and commodious *Landing-Places*, would take up more room than I have allowed to the discharge of this brief Narration; my Purpose is only to mention them, referring the Account of their Beauty, Strength, Security, and Conveniency, to *Historians* and *Geographers*. I shall only take notice, that as they are most advantageously placed for the proper

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per Trade of that Kingdom; so they are upon many Accounts a secure Refuge and Safeguard to their Friends and Allies, which is briefly demonstrated in this, that none of the Neighbouring Countries can manage a Trade into the *South*, *North*, or *Western* Seas, but they must be under great *Danger of Ireland*, if they be *Enemies to England*, or be beholding to it if they be in Amity; where upon every Turn they may meet with a safe Retreat from *Storms* and *Tempests*, and a ready Protection from *Pirates* and *Robbers*; it being set as a *Watch-Tower* in the Sea, within whose view all Ships must come that sail and trade that way to any part of the World; an Island commodiously seated for the Dominion of the Seas, so long as she is in one Interest with *England*.

It is beyond the Power of Expression to repeat the Advantages arising to the *English* Trade by the relief and shelter of the *Irish Harbours*, where the several Fleets bound for the *Streights*, and for the *East* or *West Indies*, or returning from thence, meet with Refreshment and Security from all sorts of Danger. This the Merchants find in their daily Voyages: This the Commanders of the Kings Ships can evidence upon frequent Experience; but I shall produce only one undeniable Instance, how highly and indespensably it imports the *Safety*, as well as *Trade* of *England*, to preserve *Ireland* to themselves: That in the time of King *Charles* II. when *England* was imbroyl'd in an unlucky War with the *States of Holland*, not only a Fleet of Merchantmen, consisting of an hundred Sail or thereabout, bound homeward from the *West-Indies* and the *Streights*, but also forty Men of War (under the Command of Sir *Jeremy Smith*) after that unfortunate Business at *Chatham*, came all into the Habour of *Kinsale*, where they continued in that Safety and

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Security, which they could not promise to themselves in any Harbour or Port of *England*.

2. *The Exportation of* Irish *Commodities.*

As *Ireland* is placed as an *Out-guard* to watch all *Interlopers* in the Trade of *England*, so lately it was a *Store-house* and *Magazine* to furnish it. It sent over yearly vast quantities of *Wooll*, shipt from the several Ports in *Munster* and *Lemster*, which mightily supported the *Staple* in *England*, by the old and new *Draperies*, and other *woollen Manufactures* wrought and made in the West Countrey: whereby not only a numerous Train of Families were fed and maintained, but an extraordinary addition was made to the Kings Revenue, by the Importation of it, when raw and unwrought, into *England*, and the Exportation of it, after it was wrought, into several Countries, to the great inriching of Merchants and Adventurers.

The Islands and Plantations in *America* are in a manner wholly sustain'd by the vast quantities of *Beef*, *Pork*, *Butter*, and other Provisions of the Product of *Ireland*: from whence an unspeakable Benefit redounds to *England* by the vast Cargoes of the Goods of the said Plantations return'd thither, and the Great Consumption of those Goods being shipt out of *England* into *Ireland*, than which nothing more evidently tends to the inriching the Merchants who trade into those Parts, or to the increase of Shipping, or encouragement to Navigation.

The mighty Quantities of *Tallow*, *Hides*, *tann'd Leather*, *Skins* of several sorts, *Yarn*, *Hemp*, *Linnen-Cloth*, *Cony-Skins*, and other *Furrs*, yearly shipt from *Ireland*, and exported into *England*, supply that Kingdom with the said Commodities at very reasonable Rates

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Rates (which otherwise would prove excessive dear) to the great conveniency of the Inhabitants in general, and the particular *Advantage* of the *Merchants* and such as trade in them.

The Cargoes of *Salmon*, *Herrings*, *Pilchards*, (and those the best and fairest to be had in any Part of the World) *Eels*, and other *Fish* made up yearly in *Ireland*, and transported into several Parts in *Spain*, to *Venice*, and all the Ports in the *Mediterranean* Sea, would startle common Belief. I have heard from faithful Relation, and I spoke of it before, that in the *South* of *Ireland*, they have made in a year near Eight hundred *Tuns of Pilchards*: A Person of great *Quality*, (whose Judgment and Credit no man will dispute) did aver to me, that in one Season 16000. *l.* was paid for the *Pilchards* taken on the *South side of Cork*, and the most of it by Sir *John Frederic* of *London*. That in one Port in the *North*, called *Dunfanaghan*, they have made in one Season Two thousand *Tuns of Herrings*. And I was told by a very honest and intelligent Person, (who in the Reign of *Charles the Second* was *Collector* of the Port of *London-Derry*) that in that one Place there was shipt off in one Season 450. *Tuns of Salmon*, 400. *Tuns of Herrings*, and 80. *Tuns of Eels*: The Benefit and Profit of all which accrues to the Merchants of *England*, on whose sole Account almost all the forementioned Commodities are shipt off and sent away, to the great increase of their Shipping, and the manifest incouragement of Navigation,

These things being undeniable, and perfectly true in matter of Fact, and which I am constrained by the necessity of the Argument to mention over again, it is evident beyond Contradiction, that the *Trade of Ireland* is of inestimable Advantage to the *Trade of England*, highly contributing, if not wholly subservient to it.

3. *The*

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