

# Britons, to Arms!!!

BRITONS, TO ARMS!—of Apathy beware,  
And let your Country be your dearest Care;  
Protect your Altars! guard your Monarch's Throne,  
The Cause of GEORGE and Freedom is your own!  
What! shall that ENGLAND want her Sons' Support,  
Whose Heroes fought at CRESSY\*—AGINCOURT†?  
And when great MARLB'ROUGH‡ led the English Van,  
In France, o'er Frenchmen, triumph'd to a Man!  
By ALFRED's great, and ever-honour'd Name!  
By EDWARD's Prowess, and by HENRY's Fame!  
By all the gen'rous Blood for Freedom shed,  
And by the Ashes of the Patriot Dead!  
By the bright Glory Britons lately won  
On EGYPT's Plains, beneath the burning Sun,  
BRITONS, TO ARMS! defend your Country's Cause,  
Fight for your KING! your LIBERTIES! and LAWS!  
Be France defied, her slavish Yoke abhor'd,  
And place your Safety only on your SWORD.

The Gallic DESPOT, sworn your mortal Foe,  
Now aims his last—but his most deadly blow;  
With England's Plunder tempts his hungry Slaves,  
And dares to brave you on your native Waves!  
If Britain's Rights be worth a Briton's Care,  
To shield them from the Son of Rapine—swear!  
Then to Invasion be Defiance given,  
Your Cause is just, approv'd by Earth, and Heaven!  
Should adverse Winds our gallant Fleet restrain,  
To sweep his "bawbling" Vessels from the Main;  
And Fate permit him on our Shores t' advance,  
The TYRANT never shall return to FRANCE;  
Fortune herself shall be no more his Friend,  
And *here* the History of his Crimes shall end—  
His slaughter'd Legions shall manure our Shore,  
AND ENGLAND NEVER KNOW INVASION MORE.

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\* In the Year 1346, Edward Prince of Wales (commonly called the Black Prince), son of our King Edward III. gained the famous Battle of Cressy, in which Thirty Thousand of the French were killed upon the Field.

† In the Year 1415, Henry V. King of England invaded France, and gained the memorable Battle of Agincourt, when Ten Thousand of the French were slain, and Fourteen Thousand were taken Prisoners. The Prisoners were more in Number than the victorious English Army!

‡ In Queen Anne's Reign, A. D. 1706, the great Duke of Marlborough gained the renowned Battle of Blenheim. Twelve Thousand French were slain, and Thirteen Thousand taken Prisoners, together with the French General, Marshal Tallard.