

very terrible a light, as to throw away millions after millions to prevent it.

If one French General's conduct prove an exception to the received laws of war, we have every year a very strong evidence to confirm them. The Landgraviate of Hesse, is as fine a country as any in North Germany ; and yet their Landgrave lets us have his troops for the sum of 340,000 *l.* and suffers the French to possess themselves every year of his country, and come into his capital ; his troops being at that very time fighting against them in our service. And we, here in England, thought so very lightly of their having entered it now the third year ; that we made rejoicings for the action of Warbourg, in which we had at most killed only 1500 French, and taken as many prisoners, and fired the Tower guns for it, as a victory gained ; though we knew, that by that very action, the French had taken possession of Cassel. If two successive Landgraves have every year exposed their country, and their own palace to be possessed by the French, for the benefit of letting us their troops for 340,000 *l.* Then, though we cannot positively ascertain the damage, this gives us at least a negative measure of it ; and proves, that it cannot exceed that sum.

The reader will observe, that I give every advantage to this estimate ; and suppose them to set the lives of their soldiers at nothing. However,
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