

tish navy that of France by sea. And while the forces of France cannot be drawn to the southward, it is evident with what facility the king of Sardinia will support himself and defend Italy. For, however it may be matter of conversation, that the court of France have several hundred thousand men in pay, there are few who reflect, that if no part of this great body shall be able to traverse beyond their native boundaries, or live on their adversaries at discretion, the finances of France will not be long able to support them, so that the good or evil of such numbers essentially depends on the measures taken by those who are, or ought to be properly prepared. And I should think, that however careless other states may be in this particular, it materially concerns the court of Berlin to be suitably provided; and as that court has never yet failed on like occasions, it is an idle presumption even to suppose it will, at so important and delicate a crisis, when the fate of Europe is in effect staked against the courage, address, and fortunes of France. At all events, necessity has put us upon making the experiment, and I hope shall not on
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