

fatal to us, as there was a Possibility of their doing, especially as a Set of Men, who had been long injuriously traduced, made no other use of that fair Opportunity which presented itself, but as in a sort of Purgatory to clear their Characters, and convince the World, that upon the most trying Occasion scarce a Man was to be found in *South Britain*, who was not a Friend to the present Family. But no Thanks for this to the Councils of our Ministry; this was owing to the Uprightness and Integrity of Men, whom they had on this very Head so calumniated, so often, so unjustly abused. But as these Gentlemen very probably meet with great Reproaches and Scandal, from those who were disappointed in their unjust Expectations of Assistance from them; let us on our Part do them Justice, and sound forth the Praises they have deserved.

To the Battle of *Preston Pans* succeeded that of *Falkirk*, where the same Troops which had behaved notoriously ill at *Preston Pans*, were employed again, and by a like Behaviour occasioned a like Misfortune. The first was entirely the Fault of the Troops, the second of those who employed them, for they might have sent others in their Stead. For it will not be pretended that the Government had no more Horse to spare for that Service, it was given as a Reason why more Horse was not sent, that the Country could not subsist them, but surely it could as well subsist Horse that had never failed in their Duty, as those who had given so sad an Instance of what was to be expected from them. But the great Master-piece of Politicks remains to be related. A Master-piece (I speak it in sober Seriousness) sufficient to astonish and puzzle the whole World; I mean with regard to the 6000 Men which the *Dutch* were obliged by Treaty to furnish for the Relief of this Country. The De-