

*each Side ; that is, involve all Europe in a War. He tells us likewise that, by this absolute Peace with Spain, all our Rights, Privileges and Possessions are renew'd and confirm'd ; reasonable Stipulations are made for Reparations of past Damages ; and the strongest Obligations given for putting our Trade on the Foot of former Treaties.*—Such gross Assertions as These, the dull *Crambe repetita* of every Court Scribbler, require no Answer. They deserve only our Contempt.—I shall therefore pass over all his trite Panegyrick on *prudent and steady Measures* ; (which He afterwards calls, somewhat more properly, an Appearance of *Steadiness and Force* ; ) *successful Negotiations ; unwillingness to put the Nation to an extraordinary Expence, by any unnecessary Precautions ; the happy Effects of the Treaty of Hanover ; and the happy Conclusion of the Treaty of Seville !* — I will not, I say, endeavour to rob any Persons of the secret Pleasure and Gratification, which such *Incense* may give them.

But as this whole Deduction of Arguments is evidently made to recommend the Continuance of *twelve Thousand Hessian Troops in our Pay* ; I will consider that Affair, as it deserves, in a manner partly *serious* and partly *ludicrous* ; for though the Case of *these Troops* is become a Point of very sober Consequence to *Great-Britain* ; yet the Reasoning of *this Author*, in their Behalf, is so ridiculous, that it is impossible for the gravest Man to preserve his Temper, and forbear bursting out, now and then, into a Fit of Laughter.

In order to obviate the *Clamours industriously raised against the Hessian Troops, which this Nation hath, of late Years, been oblig'd to maintain*, (for I shall not enter into any Debate, at present, concerning