

does by no means conclude in favour of that Opinion: But that they were not equal; on the contrary, that there was a very great annual Deficiency during both Wars, is evident from the Instance mentioned before, and from the prodigious Debt he left at his death. This Debt being stated at the proper Offices soon afterwards, amounted to no less than 176 Millions *Sterl.* and upwards. The Interest of which at 5 *per Cent.* comes to above 8 Millions 8 Hundred Thousand Pounds a Year, which is betwixt 16 and 17 Hundred Thousand Pounds more than the Ordinary Revenue ever produced when it was highest. By this it appears how far He was from regulating his Expence by his Revenue, when, to speak in the Language of *Westminster-Hall*, he spent the Fee-Simple of his Kingdom, and in this Particular out-did even *Cesar*: For *Lewis* wanted above thirty Millions to be worth nothing.

THERE are others, who taking it for granted, that during the Regency of the Duke of *Orleans*, the publick Debts were
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