

and Pounds *Sterl.* and at that time the *Capitation Tax* and Register of *Controle* were no part of it : Nor was the Farm of Tobacco so high as it is at present, by several Millions of Livres.

THUS in about twenty Years time, the publick Revenues fell above five Millions *Sterling*, short of what they were before the War, and above nine Millions short of the annual Expence.

THE same Cause will always produce the same Effect, and therefore if ever it is the ill Fate of *France* to see the united Forces of another *Grand Alliance* upon her Frontiers, she will soon find her self under the same Difficulties and Distress, but with this difference, that she will have fewer Ressources to depend upon for her Support. For instance ; The Vanity of that Nation was a Fund from which the Government drew immense Sums in the last Reign by the Sale of Patents of Nobility and new created Offices. But those Offices, being the Source of intolerable Oppression to the People, were for the most part abolished, and the Unworthiness of those to whom the State in her Necessity

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