

cesses. But they knew, that none of the other Princes of the Empire would resent them: that they had then, before their eyes much greater severities, practising in Saxony *; and therefore, might not be displeased to see a few of the same extortions brought home to that E—te, which they might be apt to think, had been one of the causes of them. After all, it must be allowed, that some officers are more rapacious than others, and the poor H——ns had then the misfortune of having the French army commanded by one of the worst of them. But in general, the French are a fair enemy, and neither they nor we have exercised any unnecessary cruelties to each others subjects. Nor could the country therefore have any sufferings to fear beyond the allowed usage of war upon an English account: nor would a French army stay there, in all probability, more than one campaign, if we would but keep out of it, and take from the French court all hope of drawing over an English army to meet them there.

In the course of the last war, we saw French armies traverse all Germany, and enter into the countries of friends and foes. Their coming into any country, is doubtless a bad thing, but we have never known the Germans themselves consider it in so

* The city of Leipzig was then actually under a sort of military execution: and the merchants made to draw bills upon their correspondents, and kept under guard, till their bills were accepted.