

But before the Commencement of this War several Pamphlets were published; One, speaking of the Condition of *France* in respect of carrying on a War against so many *Allies*, He proceeds to point out how *England* ought to act on that Occasion; one Part of which we too fatally neglected, and which I fear is one of the principal Causes of the present Contest.—— But to attend our Author :

‘ Taking it for granted that some Powers
‘ in *Europe* will bring into the Field large
‘ Armies—— to bear against *France*, let us
‘ see how he is able to furnish out a suffici-
‘ ent Force to encounter them, and at the
‘ same Time provide for the Defence of a
‘ Coast several Thousand Miles in Extent?
‘ To make as near as may be a true Estimate
‘ of his Wealth and Power, I shall give my
‘ Reader an Account he may depend upon of
‘ some Particulars relating to his Revenues,
‘ and the Number of his Forces at different
‘ Times.

‘ His whole Revenue did in the Year 1666
‘ amount to 126 Millions of Livres, which
‘ reduced to *English* Money according as the
‘ Exchange went then, that is, reckoning 13
‘ Livres to the Pound Sterling, would make
‘ Nine Millions and about Six hundred thou-
‘ sand Pounds; it produced the two last Years
‘ 1700, 1701, only One Hundred and Seven
‘ Millions, which reduced to *English* Money