

than other Means in some Years: But this is not all the Seaman has to complain of; for during so great Delay, many Accidents may and no doubt do fall out. So that a great deal of Money must for Want of Claim be absolutely lost to the Seamen, and sunk in the Purse of the Government.

While I am writing I am pleased to catch at the News of intended Reformati<sup>o</sup>ns, which are said to be in Consequence of some Enquires made last Year. In the Enquiries, however, of last Year, I do not hear there was any Notice taken of the Difference of Expence between Horse and Dragoons, tho' that Evil has been otherwise often and much complained of. The Difference between the Establishments, for the Horse Dragoons and Foot for last Year, and former Establishments during all the last War, till after the Peace of *Utrecht* for the like Numbers, will appear upon Comparison to have amounted to 128,829 *l.* 15 *s.* (which is more than a seventh of the whole Expence) not including the encreased annual Charge of the Forces at *Portmahon*, *Gibraltar*, and the Plantations, the *Highland* Regiments, Invalids, and independent Companies; nor the 15 new raised Regiments. The like Difference upon the ten Regiments of *Marines* amounted to 15,086 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* and the Difference on the *Garrisons* to 13,077 *l.* 5 *d.*  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which is more than a Third of the whole Expence of the *Garrisons*. The present \* saving upon breaking Part of the Horse and raising Dragoons in their Stead, as the

\* The Difference between the Pay of the Number of Men contained in two Troops of Horse Guards, and *Wade's*, *Mountague's*, and *Honeywood's* Horse, according to their Establishments; and the Pay of the like Number of Dragoons, according to their Establishment, would amount to about 45,000 *per Annum*. which, if it was to take Place immediately, would be the saving. This I mention, because I am sure our Ministry do not stand in need of that fictitious Credit, which has been aimed at in a low Way, by giving in the publick Papers a false Account of this as well as some other Things.