

is only so because he is paid to be our Friend, will attach himself to the Enemy, for a greater Payment. To this I shall only answer, that in every thing we do, we can have but a Probability of Success. And, since it is impossible we should have more, wise Men always acquiesce in that, and think themselves sufficiently secure when the Probability is strong in their Favour. And if the most indubitable Interest of Princes, the Experience of their past Conduct, the Faith of the most solemn Treaties, and a Subsidy into the Bargain, be not a Security for their Steadiness, I own I cannot see what human Prudence can do towards securing an Ally. But People have first called the Troops, stipulated in such Alliances, *Mercenaries*, and to that Idea have affixed those of Venality and Perfidiousness, without the least Foundation of Fact; or Experience. On such an Occasion it is usual with these Gentlemen to cry up a National Militia, who, being incorruptible, and fighting for all that is dear to them, would have a Courage infinitely superior to those who fight only for Pay.

The Militia, is one of the nicest Questions in our national Policy; because it seems to carry a Dilemma with it, let us determine which Way, we will: On what Footing to settle the Militia, so as to be at once useful to the Nation, and at the same Time, not dangerous to the Constitution; by adding too much

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