

when dismiss'd, which was allowed by us, was I suppose allowed by the Queen of *Hungary*, and will I suppose be allowed again by us. Some People perhaps will laugh at my Wrong-headedness, and call these Things Advantages : I envy not their superiour Judgment, and the Light in which they see Things. Advantages I will allow there may have been ; but to *Great Britain* I am sure they were not so. To these Disadvantages we are to add, that we paid these Troops, and the Queen of *Hungary* had the absolute Command of them, and might have ordered them on what Service she pleased, how contrary soever to the Inclination or Judgment of those who paid them. So that the only Difference between the Measures this Year, and the preceding Year was, that the Number of the Troops was lessened fatally for us, more Money was paid in Proportion to the Number, the absolute Command of them was lost, and an Abuse attempted to be put on the Understandings of the People, as if *Hanoverians* were no longer in *British* Pay, tho' paid with *British* Money. The Advantages were, the Preservation of a few Gentlemen's Complexions, (I am a little ashamed to mention so slight an Affair on so serious an Occasion) but it is well known to have been the principal End proposed by this new Disposition of Affairs. Some pretended to descry this farther Advantage, that the *Hanoverians* being nominally discharged from our Pay, we were not so liable to have that State-Trick play'd on us, which we had experienced in the *Hessians*, who were continued so many Years in *British* Pay, and upon a Retrospect appear to have been of no Benefit to the State. Wise Projectors, who could so propose to hedge in the Cuckow ! I hope they allow they have since had their Understandings enlarged by the Conduct of our Ministry.

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