

ter some days reduced to live on half a pint of peas, and many had not shoes to their feet.

If these things are so, which I am not responsible for, but have some ground to believe, their *good and great ally seems* rather slow in supplying them. And this protection of *their liberties* does not, I believe, prevent much arbitrary proceeding and tyranny in their rulers. Should such distresses therefore continue and increase; should their demands on France be refused, who knows but they too may *wake from their golden dream*, like ourselves, and see in this *Protector of Liberties*, the designing conqueror, and the perfidious ally?

I understand, indeed, that the French are now preparing to send them a corps of troops: But I believe that is not the mode of supply they have most wished for; stores, provisions, necessaries, and above all, money, have been the constant objects of their demands hitherto. That of sending troops has long been a measure of great  
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