

entered *Germany*, amounted to 5,000,000*l.* Sterling: And yet the late Cardinal *de Fleury* is accused of starving the Cause, notwithstanding these prodigious Remittances. After this the *French* maintained an Army of upwards of 100,000 Men for two Years, which cannot be computed at less than 9,000,000*l.* Sterling. But to prevent any Disputes about this Computation, I am content to throw in all that was spent and lost in Fortifications, Artillery, Military Stores, Baggage, Ransoms, &c. and take the whole at 15,000,000*l.* including also the Subsidies, that were all along paid to the Allies of *France*. To this we are to add, all that it has cost us, the *Dutch*, and the *Czarina*, which I presume will not be thought over calculated at 5,000,000*l.* and then we see what an immense Quantity of Silver and Gold must in the Space of a very few Years have travelled into that Country, from whence I think all the World agrees not a single Shilling is ever like to return. If therefore we reflect upon the Certainty of all this, since I presume nobody imagines that the *Germans* will sell their Country and their Blood for Promises or Paper, and at the same Time considers how many Years are required to bring in such a Sum of ready Money into any Country by the Ballance of Trade, we shall be thoroughly satisfied, that this kind of Militia Commerce is a very compendious Method of collecting Riches, and as the Power of *Germany* is likewise encreased by it, as their Army grows daily more numerous and better disciplined, it may afford some future Prospects, which deserve the serious Attention of our Politicians; by which I mean such Politicians, as study ours, and not the *German* Interest.