

of one Hundred and Ninty-two Thousand effective Men; viz. 60000 *Austrians*, 66000 *Dutch*, and 66000 in the Pay of *Great-Britain*: That Garrisons were not to be comprehended in this Calculation: And that, in the like manner, exclusive of Garrisons, the Force to be employ'd in *Italy*, was to consist of 60000 *Austrians*, and 30000 *Piedmontese*: The Latter to be in the Field the 1st of *May*, and the Former by the 1st of *March*; with an Exception to 10000 *Austrians*, who were to come up in *April*, and the 30000 *Russians*, who were to come up as soon as they could; tho' no Partisans of the *B——rs* would then suffer it to be doubted, That even the *Russians* would be in the Field by that Time.

But how confident soever they were in their Assertions, the most intelligent *M——rs*, who had attended to all the former Compositions of the same Kind, who had observ'd the iniquitous Use which had been made of them; and who had remember'd the Failures and Miscarriages which had been deduc'd from them, were neither to be satisfy'd nor seduc'd by the Craft of the Leaders, nor the Credulity of the Led: On the contrary even on the very Face of the *Convention* they discover'd such Symptoms as serv'd to indicate the inward Rotteness of the whole: For Instance, with regard to that *fraudulent* Clause, which provided, That 100,000 *l.* should be reserv'd out of the Subsidies allow'd to the Empress-Queen, by way of Check upon the Musters of her Troops, they not only discover'd the Impolicy of a Proviso which had only serv'd as a *Pretence* to excuse the very Defect it was calculated to prevent; and the Absurdity of stipulating for a Forfeiture, which, tho' always made, had never been taken; but also the real Hardship impos'd on her *M——y*, by extending the said Proviso to her Forces in *Italy*, as
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