

But let the Question concerning the antient Mercenaries be decided which Way it will, according to its own Merits; it has no sort of Concern with us at this Day. It is unfortunate, that any should read History, who are entirely deficient in Judgment, to apply Facts, and who have not Capacity sufficient to take in all that Diversity of Circumstances and Relations which are essentially requisite to the proper Use of any historical Example. In Reality, the Mercenaries mentioned in antient Writers were altogether of a Nature different from those Forces, which confederate Princes engage to furnish us with, on the Payment of certain stipulated Sums, at this Time. The antient Mercenaries were generally a Set of Soldiers of Fortune, detached from any Relation to their several Countries, often Fugitives from them, who entered into the Service of some foreign State, hoping to enrich themselves by Pay or Plunder; and consequently had no Ties which could hold them steadily to their Duty; such were the Mercenaries in the *Carthaginian* Service, who mutinied under *Spendius* and *Matho*. No Man who had not oblique Views, to distort his Sight, could perceive any essential Likeness between the Employment of such Forces, and a Subsidy Treaty. In the Case of a Subsidy Treaty, the Soldiers are under Obedience to their proper Prince; they are disciplined by his Generals; they are paid out of his Treasury; and they are accountable to him as Subjects for any

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