



GERMAN POLITICKS.

THERE are certain Seasons when not to be Serious, is not to be Sensible ; not to consider Publick Affairs, is to be inexcusably Careless and Indolent, and not to follow the Lights we receive, is to be Pusillanimous and Dishonest. Such a Season I take the present to be ; we have already raised as many Taxes as well can be raised, which I prove from the Mortgaging the Sinking Fund ; that can be justified from no other Cause. We are in Debt as much as we well can be, as is evident from our parting with the very Equity of Redemption, and taking up upon that, which was designed for paying off our old Scores. We are in Difficulties enough with one War, and yet are threatned with much greater, in Case, under our present Circumstances, we should venture upon another. Such is our Condition, and therefore if ever we are to think, if ever we are to employ our Understandings, if ever we are to act like wise Men, or to behave like People that know what they are about, this is the Time. If we sleep now, we had as good never wake, if we do not exert ourselves at this Crisis, we may, indeed, have time enough for Repentance, but the Season of Amendment will be passed ; we may deplore our past Conduct, but that will not recall it ; we may weep for our Folly, but we shall never be comforted ; the