

You wish to know the Grounds of the prevailing Rumours concerning Subsidies. I have been confidently assured, that the Fact is undoubted, so far as it respects the *Russians* and *Hessians* at least. But the Reasons I have for disbelieving it, are not yet overpowered by Sufficient Evidence, that such a Measure hath been either ADVISED or ADOPTED.

If it be undoubtedly true, we must leave it to the Consideration of those, to whom we have intrusted all that is Dear and Valuable to us, as Britons. But till by some more authentic Advices, than any I have yet met with, the Certainty of it is out of Dispute, it becomes us to quiet the Minds of our anxious Friends, by shewing, that, the Rumour is to the highest Degree Improbable.

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