

appears by Sir *George Byng's* Expedition to *Sicily*, that it cost us more, than it did him, to conquer that Kingdom ; and every Body knows into what Condition both *Sicilies* fell, after that they had been but a few Years in the hands of the *Germans*. Before and after that Time, We and the *Dutch* paid very large Subsidies to many of the *German* Princes, for Troops we had no Occasion to employ, so that the whole of those Subsidies were clear Gains to the *Germans*. When *Italy* was drained, and the Maritime Powers did not part from their Coin quite so freely, the Emperor clapt up a Treaty with *Spain*, which as usual was maintained by prodigious Subsidies from that Crown, and subsisted in full Force; as long as *Spain* found Money to pay them ; which made it absolutely necessary for the *Hanover* Allies to open their Purfes also, and to send Millions of Florins, in hard Money, into *Germany*; and this too whilst the *Ostend* Company was running away with their Trade, the only Means by which they were enabled to bear such Expences. At last, indeed a War broke out, that was extremely fatal to the House of *Austria*. But why? Because the Maritime Powers took no Share therein; which shews that it is they support the Expence of general Wars, upon what Principle soever they are drawn into them.

To sum up all, that is necessary to be said, on this Occasion, let us consider what Sums of Money have rolled, from all Sides, into *Germany*, since the Opening of the present War. The *French* make no Scruple of owning, that the very Preparations requisite thereto, I mean the Subsidies granted to the Emperor, and other *German* Princes, and the Money furnished for Magazines, Forage, and other Necessaries before their Troops entered