

Permit me here to observe, that, when Military Officers are laid aside, they are reduced to Half-Pay only, even though they have perhaps hazarded their Lives in their Country's Service. What Pretence, then, these Gentlemen could have had to more than their Salaries, I must own that I am at a Loss to conceive. Other Places, altogether as useless, remain untouched ; and, instead of making such Savings of the public Treasure, as easily might have been made, we seem to have been more profusely lavish of it, in proportion as we can less afford it. What shameful and confused Accounts of Monies expended in *Germany*, some of it too without proper Vouchers, have we not known pass a certain Place almost without a single Question being asked, under the baneful Influence of this Gentleman's