

made in 1697, but it lasted a short time, and was wholly imployed in making preparations for the War that follow'd ; consequently, the Army was kept up to the highest Establishment all the while. The Establishment for Land Service was 300,000 Foot and 100,000 Horse and Dragoons. Out of this Number I will deduct 50,000, because they could never have the *Corps* compleat, and 30,000 for the *Swiss*, *German* and *Irish* Regiments recruited from their respective Countries ; and then there will remain 320,000 effective Men constantly recruited in *France*. I have heard from Gentlemen of the *Trade*, that at the end of a Campaign they generally computed their Loss at one fifth part by the Sword, Sickneſs and Desertion. But because all the Troops never take the Field at a time, I will suppose 70,000 to be in Garrison, and then the Loss of one fifth will extend only to 250,000 Men. As to those who remain in Garrison, I will suppose one tenth Part to die ; and considering in time of War how ill they are accommodated, how ill they are clothed and fed, that Proportion, I fancy, will