

Consideration, by which I mean, that in making these Reductions, Care ought to be taken as well of those who are to be reduced, as of the rest of the Nation, for whose Sake they are reduced. There is a wide Difference between discharging Mercenaries, and disbanding Natives. The former are taken into Service on some particular Occasion, upon Terms that are expressly stipulated, and for a Time certain; when therefore the Occasion is over, the Terms have been complied with, and the Time is expired, these Troops may be dismissed without any farther Consideration; because they return to the Prince whose Subjects they are, and who therefore is the only proper Judge of the Manner of disposing them, whether by a partial or total Reduction, as to him appears most reasonable. But it is quite otherwise with regard to Natives, since when they are reduced, they remain as much Subjects as before, and with this farther Accession of Merit, that they are Subjects who have done their Country eminent Service, and that at the manifest Peril of their Lives. It is therefore highly just and equitable to consider the Season in which such Reductions are made, that Men
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