

Derision are we to those who are round about us. How then to replace these 6000 *Dutch* is the Question. Why? very properly, with 6000 *Hessians*. We have now bought Experience. The *Dutch* have given a sufficient Warning to us. Care is taken, we are clear, that the *Hessians* were never Prisoners to the *French*, or under any Articles of Capitulation. The *Hessians* arrive, what is the Difficulty now. Why? There is no Cartel for Exchange of Prisoners settled with the Enemy. I believe there never was at any Time a Cartel settled with Rebels; and People who fight *pro aris & focis*, are not to entertain any Consideration of that Kind, but that is not the Case of Foreign Troops; and the Cavi made by the *Hessians* on this Head, shews our great Want of a Man of Abilities to direct our Affairs, who would have stipulated express Conditions, and guarded against that Policy, so prevalent almost every where at present, of using every Art to preserve Troops. The *Hessians* however did, I believe, serve under one of our Officers in beating up some Parties, but this was said to be the Effect of that Officer's Prudence, and not of those who sent for those Troops over, and tho' the beating up a few Parties was of no great Consequence, if the Prince of *Hesse* in order to save Appearances had given Leave for so doing; yet it is affirmed, that Leave was not given, at least avowedly even for this. To have fallen on two such Plunders successively could not have happened but from an extreme little Share of Luck as well as of other Things.

When our own Troops were called Home, it was Matter of great Surprise to People of but common Understanding, to find them landed here in the South, when they might with equal Ease have been landed in the North, where the Rebellion at that Time raged, and where by their Presence