

his People's Ruin, he began a War upon the Empire towards the latter end of the Year 1688, and carried it on with such a shocking Inhumanity, that he drew upon himself and Kingdom the Vengeance of the principal Powers in *Europe*, who were blest with the good Fortune to humble that Pride, which had made him almost forget he was a Man. This War was scarce ended before he engaged in another, more bloody and more fatal to him than the first. The long Interruption of Trade occasion'd by these Wars, and the Superiority of the Maritime Powers at Sea, almost intirely ruin'd the Manufactures of his Kingdom.

BESIDES Loss of Trade and an incredible Expence of Treasure, these and his former Wars must have cost him infinite Numbers of Men. I never saw any Calculation of that Loss, nor do I pretend to make an exact one; I will however attempt it from 1688 to 1714, during which time the Land Forces of *France* were the most numerous. There was it's true a Peace

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