

tribute to weaken, at least, if not to extinguish that martial Spirit which was the Security of our Ancestors, and which so happily discovered itself upon a late Occasion, when it was shewn with how much Ease the Nobility and Gentry of this Kingdom, could suddenly raise a Force sufficient to support the legal Government, and to protect the invaluable Liberty of the *British* People. For these Reasons, I say, this Reduction cannot but be universally acceptable, as it shews at once a Desire of easing the People of an unnecessary Expence, and the Confidence that is reposed in them by their Governors for mutual Protection.

The more we consider this, the greater Reason we shall have to expect, that every Article in these Reductions will be maturely weighed and decided; that as the Intention in making them is to save Expence, they will be made in such a manner, as that the Kinds be perfectly proper, and the Amount of those Savings as considerable as possible.

This naturally leads me to remark, that the Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines who are to be reduced, make likewise a Part of the Nation, and consequently in that respect are entitled to the Legislature's
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