

Spirit of the Soldiery, and lessen their Confidence in their Leaders: How difficult is it for Troops beat once, and again to face the Enemy with the same Expectation of Success, on which Bravery greatly depends. Had the Victory been ours, it might have procured us Friends, of which I think we have some want, and engaged those heartily in the Cause who are now afraid, and whose Fear is a dead Weight upon us. Is the Loss of this Advantage inconsiderable? But how came it attended with no more ill Consequences? The *French* had already done almost every Thing, had gone to the utmost Bounds, nor had where to pursue without Hostily entering the Territories of their good Friends the *Dutch*. For I think we retired there, and sought Protection in a neutral Country: Is then our Security that we have no more to lose, are fallen to the Ground, and are safe in the Lowness of our State? Till the *French* think fit to create new Enemies, by delaring War against the *Dutch*, or force them (if they think it for their Advantage) to a more abject Subserviency. I wish I could lessen in Fact the Advantage of the Enemy. But what will Words or false Colouring avail; the Mischief will still remain, and is not so to be removed. 'Tis more eligible that the People should be informed of their true State, should know that their "Power is delivered into Captivity, and their "Strength into the Enemies Hands;" that sensible of their Situation they may make some Effort for the Salvation of their Country. I have taken some Pains to Point out in this Treatise what appears to be the true Interest of this Country, and the only Means to obtain Success: I have no other View than the Good of my Country: No Attachment to any particular Man, nor will to any who shall not shew himself both capable and willing to serve his Country.

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