

gular *Battalia*, on both Sides, shews the busy Genius of *some Gentlemen*, who have taken great Pains to arm all *Europe*, at the Expence of their *own Country*; and if They should be able to disarm it again, at an equal Expence, what other Merit will They have, than That of conjuring down a *Spirit* of their own raising?—But the Reader will perceive that the *Considerer* grows quite *ludicrous*, towards the latter End of his Performance; and the Laugh would be justly turn'd upon us, if We should enter into a *grave* Confutation of his Arguments.

He seems to insinuate, by this *List of the Forces on both Sides*, that instead of 12,000 *Hessians* our excellent *Ministers* ought to have demanded 83,000; and that it is owing to their extreme Moderation, that the desirable Work of a *Peace* hath not been yet accomplished; for, according to the *Rule of Three*, if 12,000 *Hessians* can procure us a *Peace* in *five Years*, 83,000 *Hessians* would have done it in about the *seventh Part* of that Time.

To shew that the *Hanover Allies* went on, Hand in Hand together, He tells us that the *Dutch* not only augmented their *Land Forces*, but *had likewise made Preparations to fit out eighteen Men of War*. Nay, He might have added that They actually shew'd out a Fleet, at *Spithead*, for several Months together; and though it might not, perhaps, be victuall'd and provided for any *farther Voyage*; yet it must be confess'd to be an *Appearance of Steadiness and Force*, at least; and considering the great Advantages, which *England* hath reap'd from the *Hanover Alliance*, it may be put in Balance against the several great Squadrons, which she hath been at the Expence of sending to all Parts of the World.

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