

sing with the Laws of *Lycurgus*, and departing from their Frugality and martial Measures, they must have engrossed the Power and the Money of that Part of the World, and have prescribed such Terms to their Neighbours, as would have served their Purpose best. As to the Canton of *Berne*, they are at this Hour possessed of a prodigious Treasure, amassed by letting out their Subjects to foreign Princes, and though it serves them only for a Resource in Time of Need, yet it may so far serve us, as it shews the Consequence of furnishing a Nation with Money, from whom there is no getting it again.

These Things being premised, the Reader will very easily conceive, how War comes to be strictly speaking, what I have called it, a Trade in *Germany*. I do not mean by a Trade, simply a Mode of Gain to the Princes who let out their Men for Hire, but a much higher Kind of Trade, a Sort of Commerce, beneficial to the whole Country. For, whatever other People may imagine, I lay it down as a Thing absolutely certain, that the *Germans* are by much the most able Politicians amongst the Moderns. The *Italians* indeed are in some Measure in Possession of that Reputation; but whoever considers that except *Venice* and perhaps *Savoy*, there is not an independant State in *Italy*, and at the same Time reflects that *Great-Britain*, *Sweden*, *Denmark*, and *Tuscany*, are all governed by *German* Princes, and that the Imperial Prince of *Russia* is a *German* likewise, will not think me altogether in the wrong. And this Power of their Princes, has been the Effect of their new Policy, built altogether upon this Maxim, that War by proper Management may be made a Trade. When heretofore the *Hans* Towns flourished in that Country,