

to all their Deserters, not with a View of recruiting, or even of compleating their Corps, but that the Terror of Punishment may not fright these People from returning Home. We learn that the Empress Queen of *Hungary* has taken the like Method, and that her Officers were obliged to compleat their Companies before Winter-Quarters were assigned them in her Hereditary Countries. The King of *Prussia* practises the like Method, no doubt from the same Principle, *viz.* that by gradual Reductions at seasonable Distances, a considerable Number of useful Subjects may be obtained. By this Expedient, and by others of a like Nature, the Wastes of War will in those Countries be in some Measure repaired; and tho' this may be attended with a present Expence, yet if this is succeeded by future Advantages, we may safely affirm that it is true Oeconomy upon the whole; neither will it diminish the Force of this Reasoning, if it should be said, that such a Policy is peculiarly adapted to Countries that are but indifferently peopled, and where on that Account it is always a Thing of Consequence to increase the Number of Hands; for the Question may be asked, whether
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