

go about openly to oppose or secretly to undermine, would discover himself thereby to be equally weak and wicked, in as much as publick Frugality tends to the Advantage even of private Persons, and is a Measure which every Man should be willing to promote, as every Man must reap a Benefit thereby. In short, it is a Point of Politicks about which there can be little or no Dispute; because the only Danger that can be apprehended therefrom is pushing it *too far*; since no body will deny, that improper Savings are by no Means the Marks of true and genuine Frugality.

We have all the Reason in the World to confess, that no Objection from this Remark can arise to the Resolution taken of reducing our regular Forces here at Home, since there is nothing more natural, or indeed more reasonable, than for a free People to be apprehensive of a numerous standing Army. It is doubly dangerous to their Liberties; first, as it establishes an irresistible Power in the Hands of their Governors at Home; and secondly, as it may prove too weak a Guard, in Respect to the Attempts that may be made from Abroad, if too much trusted to; because in that Case it might contribute