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Some further

REMARKS

Relating to

HALF-PAY,

And to the Frugal

MANAGEMENT

Of other Parts of the

PUBLICK MONEY.

AND

An ACCOUNT of the HALF-PAY *per Diem*, and *per Annum*, of the several Qualities of reduced OFFICERS on the *British* Establishment of Half-Pay, at the Rates the same are Stated at, in the Account of Half-pay OFFICERS, delivered into PARLIAMENT the 28th of November 1717.



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To the frugal Management of other Parts of
 the **PUBLICK MONEY.**



AFTER the Publication of the Three Abstracts dated the 6th of *January* 1717. I found I had made a Mistake in the Second of those Abstracts in computing 16 Reduced Officers of Invalids as provided for in the 8 New-raised Regiments of Foot, and which were provided for in the Companies of Invalids, and this makes the following Alterations in the Computations of the said Abstract, *viz.*

The Commissions granted in the 21 new-raised Regiments are		732
British Half-Pay Officers provided for in the Dragoons	150	
Ditto Officers of Foot	191	
		341
Provided for in the Dragoons which were not on the British Establishment of Half-Pay	212	
Ditto in the Foot	179	
		391
Whereof there are in the Abstract the Names of Dragoon Officers whose Names are not in the Abstract	79	
Ditto of Foot	77	
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The State of the Damage to the Publick by this Promotion of Officers will then stand thus, viz.

	Per Diem.	Per Annum.
The Damage as per said Abstract —	65 : 09 : 06	23898 : 07 : 06
The Half-Pay of 1 Major, 2 Captains, 5 Lieutenants and 8 Ensigns of Invalids which by the said Abstract were supposed to be, but were not provided for in the New-rais'd Regiments of Foot	2 : 03 : 10	799 : 19 : 02
Total Damage then is — —	67 : 13 : 04	24698 : 06 : 08

The Pay of the 385 Officers of the Regiments Disbanded in Ireland amounts to	67 : 06 : 06	24573 : 12 : 06
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So that the Damage to the Publick as aforesaid exceeds the Pay of the said Irish Officers, the Sum of	00 : 06 : 10	124 : 14 : 02
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Note, That in the said Abstract the Officers of the New-raised Regiments whose Commissions were granted after December 1715, being in Number 37, are all that are supposed to have been granted on Vacancies, but if any of those which were granted in August, September, October, November and December 1715. were granted on Vacancies, the Damage to the Publick will be so much more as the Pay of those Officers amounts to.



I did also after the aforesaid Publication compare the List of Half-Pay Officers delivered into Parliament the 5th Day of April 1715. with that delivered into Parliament for the Year 1718; I found in the latter the Names of 86 Officers added to the Old Reduced Regiments which were not in the said former List, including 2 Officers in the Regiment of Stairs, and a Cornet in the Royal Regiment of Horse, whose Qualities are as followeth, viz.

Dragoons

	Cobon.	L. Col.	Major.	Capt.	Lieut.	Cornet.	Ensign.	Ajvt.	Q. Mr.	Chap.	Surg.	Total.
Dragoons including one } Cornet of Horse }	—	—	1	3	5	5	—	—	2	—	1	17
Foot — —	2	2	2	18	22	—	17	1	2	2	1	69
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The Half-Pay of the said 86 Officers and one Commissary of Musters, and the difference between the Half-Pay of 4 Majors in the List of 1718, which were only Captains in the List of 1715, including 1 l. 14 s. per diem Advance of Pay to 2 Lieutenants and 4 Cornets of Dragoons more than they are intitled to by those Defignations, is, 17 l. 12 s. 02 d. per Diem, 6427 l. 00 s. 10 d. per Ann.

In one of the Books delivered into Parliament the 16th of January 1717. there are the Names of the Officers added to the Half Pay List since 1714, and amongst these the Names of most of those which I have remarked to have been added since the 5th of April 1715. with Observations in the Margin of the said Book, shewing how those Additions were occasioned.

Having no Copy of that Book, it is impossible for me to remark particularly thereon; but on a View of it in the House, I observe that some of the Reasons for those Additions are, That Officers who had bought their Commissions were displaced, and their Posts given to others; That others who were Officers in Standing Regiments in Full Pay had exchanged with Half Pay Officers, and that others were placed in the said Regimental Lists by Directions from His Majesty; There are also other Reasons which I cannot particularly recollect; But upon the whole I believe that many of those Officers may with Justice be struck off, consistent with the Original Design of the Parliament in granting Half-Pay; And that on this Head also a considerable Sum may be saved to the Publick.

There is also another large Book delivered into Parliament the 16th of January 1717. importing an Account of the Commissions which have been granted in the Old Regiments since the 1st of October 1714. That Account was addressed for to inform the House how much the Half-Pay List had been lessened, and how much more it might have been lessened by the filling up of those Vacancies. And there is likewise a List transmitted

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mitted from *Ireland* of the Half-Pay Officers on the Establishment of that Kingdom for the Year 1714, from which the House may be informed how many of those Officers were provided for in the 21 Regiments raised in *Britain* since the 1st of *June* 1715; But having only read the Titles of those two Accounts, I have nothing at present to observe upon them; And I presume this Session of Parliament is now too near a Conclusion to hope for any Fruit from a Labour of this kind. And indeed I have mentioned those Papers with a Design chiefly to put Gentlemen in mind that they are before the House, and that Copies may be taken of them, and some Pains taken about them by such who are willing to allow a little of their Time for the Service of their Country, which may be of Use at the next Meeting of Parliament. And I am also willing to hope, that this may be an Intimation to the proper Officers to prepare such Computations from the said Books, as may give the House of Commons such Information as 'tis evident was aimed at by their Address for the same.

If a careful Examination were made into the Management of the Affair of Half-pay of the Officers of the Fleet, it might be found liable to as great Objections, as those which have been made relating to the Land-Service: And truly it would be very much for the Service of the Nation, if at the beginning of every Session of Parliament, particular Committees were appointed, to examine strictly into every Part of the Administration of our Money Affairs: For this probably would make Officers of all Kinds much more careful than of late Years they have been in their Demands upon the Publick, in the Accounts and Estimates which are respectively brought in by them.

It would be for the Ease of Gentlemen, who shall hereafter be inclined to examine into the Matter of Half-pay, if Directions were given to express the several reduced Regiments in an Alphabetical Order, according to the Surnames of the respective reduced Colonels, and to mention in the List of each Regiment, the several Officers in distinct Columns, expressing their Qualities, or at least to mention them in some one constant fixed Method; for the Variation every Year herein, makes an Enquiry into such Lists much more difficult than otherwise it would be.

I shall mention one Thing more, and leave it to the Consideration of Gentlemen, *viz.* That Regimental Lists should now be given in, of the several Commission-Officers of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, of the Standing Forces, for the Year 1718. that when the like List is required at the next Meeting of Parliament, it may be the more easily seen, what Vacancies have happened in the Interval, and how the same have been dispos'd of.

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It were to be wish'd, that a certain Sum could be fixed for the annual Expence of the Forces necessary in a Time of Peace, and that the Ordinance Contingencies, and all other Things relating thereto might be included in that Sum; that the Nation might thereby be at a certainty of their Charge in this Particular, and that the same was no more than they were able annually to bear. And it were also to be wish'd, that the same certainty could be come at in relation to the Navy. It would be then more Incumbent on the Ministers and Officers of the Crown, than perhaps they at present imagine it to be, to shew their Zeal and Duty to His Majesty, by a frugal Management of the Publick Treasure; because in such a Case, whatever was saved, would be saved for the sole and intire Benefit of the Crown without Account. But until Matters can be brought to such a Regulation as this, which was certainly the ancient Method, it is the indispensable Duty of the Parliament, narrowly to inspect the Management of Ministers and Officers, since at present all Misapplications of the Publick Money is a Loss, and a Loss only to the Nation.

January 23. 1717.



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An Account of the Half-Pay per Diem, and per Annum, of the several Qualities of Reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-Pay, at the Rates the same are stated at in the Account of Half-Pay Officers, delivered into Parliament the 28th of November 1717.

<i>The Qualities of the Officers.</i>	<i>Half-Pay for Dragoons.</i>			<i>Half-Pay for Foot.</i>		
	<i>Per Diem.</i>	<i>Per Annum.</i>		<i>Per Diem.</i>	<i>Per Annum.</i>	
	<i>l. s. d.</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>
Colonel . . .	0 : 13 : 00	237 : 05 : 0	0 : 12 : 00	219 : 00 : 0		
Lieut. Colonel	0 : 10 : 00	182 : 10 : 0	0 : 08 : 06	155 : 02 : 6		
Major	0 : 08 : 00	146 : 00 : 0	0 : 07 : 06	136 : 17 : 6		
Captain	0 : 05 : 06	100 : 07 : 6	0 : 05 : 00	91 : 05 : 0		
Lieutenant . . .	0 : 03 : 00	54 : 15 : 0	0 : 02 : 04	42 : 11 : 8		
Cornet or Ensign	0 : 02 : 06	45 : 12 : 6	0 : 01 : 10	33 : 09 : 2		
Adjutant	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0		
Quarter-Master	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0		
Chaplain	0 : 03 : 04	60 : 16 : 8	0 : 03 : 04	60 : 16 : 8		
Surgeon	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0		

	<i>Per Diem.</i>	<i>Per Annum.</i>
Cornet of Horse	0 : 04 : 06	82 : 02 : 6
Ensign of the Guards. }	0 : 02 : 11	53 : 04 : 7

Note, That in the Three ABSTRACTS relating to the Pay of the Army, publish'd January the 6th, 1717. part of the REMARKS on the Second ABSTRACT is misplaced, and intermixed with the REMARKS on the Third ABSTRACT, which the Reader is desired thus to Correct, viz.

Immediately after the End of Page 2 turn to pag. 18 and Line 22. and read to the End of Line 14. in the 20th Page ; and those that have the former Book may make their Marks therein accordingly.