

ported by that nation, the Spaniards, and Savoyards.—Are not these examples sufficient to refute Machiavel? and what avails his comparison betwixt the use of foreign troops, and Saul's armour, which David refused when he went to fight Goliath, because it was an incumbrance to him? [A comparison is no proof] [r]. It must be owned, that Auxiliaries are sometimes very troublesome to Princes: but do not Princes likewise voluntarily trouble themselves, when they make new conquests of Cities and Provinces by their assistance?

[In treating of the bad consequences of employing Auxiliaries [s], Machiavel alledges the example of the Swiss in the French Service: but it is past doubt, that the French have gained several battles by their assistance; and if they were to dismiss the Swiss and Germans that serve in their infantry, their armies would be very much weakened] [t].

But so much for his errors in judgment. Let us now examine his morals — The examples which he proposes for the imitation of Princes, are so very bad, that sound morality and politics must protest against them. “Hieró the Syracusan, says he, considering that he could neither disband his Mercenary troops, nor retain them any longer without great danger, had them all cut to pieces.”

[For my part, I will not take upon me to answer for the veracity of ancient history in all points: but supposing what is here related of Hieró's conduct in this matter to be true, I would not advise any one to imitate it. It is pretended that in a battle which he fought against the Mamertines, he divided his army into two parts, one consisting of Auxiliaries, the other of national troops; and that he suffer'd the former to be cut to pieces, that he might gain the victory only with the latter. Suppose the Emperor of Germany had sacrificed the English in the same manner, in the war which happened in the year 1701: would that have been a certain way of conquering the French? To cut off the left arm in order to fight the better with the right, seems to me to be a cruel and dangerous sort of folly, or rather of extreme madness] [u].

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[r] Here the first Edition says, “Ce n'est que de la crème fouettée.” — “This is mere whipped Sillabub.”

[s] Or Mercenaries rather.

[t] The passage included betwixt the two crotchets, runs thus in the first edition, “Au sujet de ces auxiliaires, il cherche à jeter son venin sur les Suisses qui sont au service de France. Il doit dire un petit mot sur le sujet de ces braves troupes; car il est indubitable que les François ont gagné plus d'une bataille par leurs secours, qu'ils ont rendus des services signalez à cet Empire, & que si la France congredioit les Suisses & les Allemands qui servent dans son infanterie, ses armées seroient beaucoup moins redoutables qu'elles ne le sont à présent.”

[u] Instead of the passage included betwixt the two crotchets above, the text runs thus in the first edition. “Des faits pareils revoltent lorsqu' on les trouve dans l'histoire; mais