

Understandings to servilely imitate Men of great Genius, in what they think a similar Case, without sufficiently considering whether the Circumstance of one, and the other Case entirely correspond. That the Circumstances here widely differ, I need not mention. The first Time that a Trust or Confidence is placed in a Man, if that Person deceives those who Trust him, the Fault is generally placed to the Account of him who deceives, but the second Time of those who trust. What then are we to do? Wage eternal War? No certainly, but if an Opportunity offers to reduce such a Person to an Inability of doing Mischief, I would sooner trust to such Inability than his broken Faith. The Spirit which governs the King of *Prussia* is from Experience very well known; it is very well known that he is a *Proteus*, whom no Engagements but superiour Force can bind; what then has been done by the Renewal of the Treaty of *Breslaw*, and o—r wise Intrigues at the Court of *Petersbourg*? Why? — took the *Czarina* — took the Elector of *Saxony* out of our own Scale; and out of the Enemies Scale, what did — take? Nothing at all. If we made the King of *Prussia* an apparent Friend, it was easily seen, that he was still a secret Enemy; that he concealed himself only to gain Time, and disperse that Tempest which was gathering on the Side of *Russia*, that he would be ready to declare himself, as he had before done, whenever the Occasions of *France* should require, when we should not find it so easy to engage again the Elector of *Saxony* and *Czarina* in our Cause. Accordingly we find him (if any Credit is to be given to publick Accounts) making Preparations, no one (I believe) suspects with a Design of assisting the Queen of *Hungary*; but I fear if she finds it possible to push her Fortune in *Provence*, and the Necessities of *France*