

to think of this Proposal, and not loose this favourable Opportunity; nor put a Matter of so great Consequence to the Hazard of future Events, or change of Minds, which may happen in case I should delay to close with these Offers, which being as advantageous to the House of *Austria* as to me, I am apt to believe the Princes of that Family will not oppose me in it. I also hope your Electoral Highnesses Prudence and Goodness will incline you to acquiesce in my Sentiments. In the mean while I wish your Royal Highness a continued Series of Happy Successes, being with all imaginable Fidelity and Constancy,

Your Electoral Highnesses

Turin July 6.
1696.

Most affectionate Servant and Cousin,

Victor Amadeus.

His Electoral Highness the Duke of Bavaria's Answer, to his Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy's Letter.

I Shall always as largely Participate in the good and bad Fortune of your Royal Highnesses Person and Estate, as the Obligations of Consanguinity, and the particular Amity of your Royal Highness to me do justly Challenge. It would be therefore with an unspeakable Joy, that I should look on the Articles of an advantageous Peace proposed by *France* to your Royal Highness, if I could be convinced, That the Neutrality which is offered you, did truly tend to your Royal Highnesses