

incredible good Husbandry and Retrenchments of Expence. In the last Place, I don't disown but that for about sixty Years past, the House of *Austria* has in Time of War maintain'd two hundred thousand Men, and, including the Troops of the Empire, above two hundred and fifty Thousand; and I agree that she may entertain as many in Time to come, provided the *Spanish* Monarchy be not taken from her. But what Proportion is there betwixt two hundred thousand Men dispers'd throughout *Europe*, and three hundred and fifty Thousand collected together in the Kingdom of *France* alone? Where then do we find this exorbitant Power of the House of *Austria*, against which we must take such Precautions?

As to the fourth Point, perhaps it may be found in her Maritime Forces? How do we know but the Court of *Vienna* may equip a Fleet on the *Danube* capable to bombard *Brest* and *Toulon*? For *Spain*, 'tis matter of Fact, that King *Charles II.* never had fifteen Men of War together, and it is certain, that the King of *France* had in 1689, a hundred and twenty of the finest Men of War in the World, forty five Gallies, and Arsenals, that were not to be match'd elsewhere.

The same Thing should be said of the fortified Places. There are to the Number of 130 in the Kingdom, the least of which is able to hold out against a royal Army; and
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