

he may have to be Head of the Empire. Here is the Dilemma we lie under; and I am not ashamed to own, that I can't see how we can well get over it.—But upon second Thought, I think there is one Expedient left, which if it have the Approbation of your Court, could not fail of settling the Peace of the Empire, and even that of all *Europe*.

Perhaps you may think me not so much in Earnest as the Subject requires in the Proposal I am to make of a Candidate for the Imperial Throne, since there are insurmountable Difficulties in the Way of those two just mention'd. But I sincerely own to you, that I scarce see any other Choice we can make that promises less Danger and Obstruction, or is more likely to succeed to the Inclination of the Majority of the Electors.

As I look upon Religion to be out of the Case, because no Christian System is precluded by those Constitutions of the Empire which settle the Qualifications of an Emperor, I don't see that being of the reformed Religion, should obstruct the Promotion of a Prince of that Perswasion. Therefore, whether his *Prussian* Majesty would continue or change his Tenets of Religion, I don't see any Prince more likely to answer the Views of all who wish well to *Germany* and to general Freedom, and of such particularly as would wish to see the Insolence and Power of *France* reduced.

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