

their fate. But suppose, and I hope it should be supposed, that the true interest of the Empress Queen claims another conduct—it will be a poor comfort to us and to our posterity, that the annals of *Germany* should record a woman, saved by our help from the ruin that threatened her headlong passions, and falling after into a deeper abyss from an attempt to push her deliverer into it. Princes and ministers may err fatally to themselves and their country, but facts cannot lye; and the conduct of the Empress Queen speaks conviction against her. Has she not already delivered up *Newport*, and *Ostend*, p. 39, to the *French*? a part of those deposits purchased from them with our blood and treasure. And is she not now in still “a closer union with them?” *ibid.* If the effects of this union have not yet appeared, in other cessions not less dangerous to our neighbours and to us; is not the reason clear and apparent? Would not the *Dutch*, and possibly other powers of *Europe*, be roused from their lethargy? an experiment too hazardous for her and her new ally, until the odds be more on their side in the present contest: Let *Holland* sleep on, until she is awakened by a stroke, which shewing her danger shews her the impossibility of resisting it.

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