

which that kingdom may arrive at, and the absolute necessity there was of forming such an union.

We have since heard so much of the attempts of France towards an universal monarchy, and the balance of power, necessary to be preserved in opposition to it ; and have seen it made a pretence for so many meaner purposes ; that we now nauseate the subject, and do not like to hear any more of it. Yet a measure, which was once right, must continue to be right to eternity. And though France may not have a Prince, equally able and enterprizing with Lewis the XIVth yet the kingdom is the same, and its land forces are still formidable to Europe : at least, it is the only State which either Europe in general, or England in particular, can be endangered by ; and the only State, which England is now at war with.

Every measure, which has a tendency to the uniting the powers of Europe among themselves and against France, must therefore be for the general good of Europe, and the particular interest of England : and every measure, which tends to set the States of Germany, Holland, and England, either at war with each other, or amongst themselves, must be a measure calculated for the good of France, and the prejudice of the other powers of Europe. For the same reason every measure, tending to the continuance or increase of such a war, must be for the benefit of France, and the prejudice