

drove them to a close Conjunction with *France*, and his Pride, Parsimony, and positive Adherence to his own Notions lost him the Succession of *Spain*. The Emperor *Joseph* was in some Measure the Reverse of his Father, for though he had as much Haughtiness, yet instead of being indolent he was fierce and arrogant, full of the Grandeur of his House, and very little inclined to find out the Distinction between Slaves and Subjects. He was always expecting mighty Succours from his Allies, and always deficient in what he promised for the Support of the common Cause. His Behaviour towards the Princes of the Empire, made them backward in every thing ; and as our glorious General, the Duke of *Marlborough*, told some of their Ministers, at a Conference, their Negligence inspired *France* with Hopes, which alone prevented her accepting the Terms offered by the Allies ; and indeed it was on this side only, that throughout the whole War the *French* had any Advantage, except in *Spain*, where the *German* Politicks defeated all the Maritime Powers could do in Support of the *German* Interest. *Charles VI.* was raised to the Empire by the Endeavours of the Allies, and he discovered even before his Election the Genius of his Family, by declaring he would not accept the Imperial Crown, on the Terms it had been worn by his Brother and Father, and the Capitulation was accordingly altered to suit it to his Humour. His severe Government of the *Italians*, drew them to plot against him, and to intrigue with *France* and *Spain* ; as his Ill-usage of the House of *Savoy* opened a Passage to those Armies, which deprived him of *Naples* and *Sicily*, and very narrowly missed of driving him entirely out of *Italy*. His Behaviour to this Nation was not the most grateful ;

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