

Spain, Sweden, and Denmark, by their several ambassadors, the electors of Germany by their particular ministers, and several of them in their own persons, with at least fifty of the greatest princes of Germany, all attended to hear him plead the cause of Europe ; and all joined in one common league and declaration against France."

It is undoubtedly a task equally bold as it is disagreeable, to combat rooted prejudices ; but now that the ridiculous distinctions of Whig and Tory are so justly exploded, a public writer may have some chance for a fair hearing. I do not pretend to deny that king William was at the head of the glorious confederacy ; but I will, with both my hands, deny, that that confederacy fulfilled its engagements : they brought troops upon paper ; they produced them not in the field ; they hired armies, but England paid them. Unwilling as I am to revive party distinctions, I am sorry to say, I never yet saw, though I have taken a great deal of pains in the inquiry, a full and a fair answer to the charge brought by the Tory ministry against the Whigs, at the time of the peace of Utrecht, that the whole stress of the war lay on the shoulders of Great-Britain, and that her allies had failed in, almost, every point
of