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pending more Treasure against the Empress Queen, than had been employed, in the preceding War, for her Support. *France, Austria, Russia, Sweden*, and the Empire, combin'd their Strength to crush one Monarch, the King of *Prussia*; That Monarch, assisted by *Great Britain*, maintain'd his Ground with a Resolution and Activity, which deserved Success. *France* weaken'd her Credit and tarnish'd her Glory, as a Friend to the House of *Austria*; to which, for upwards of two Centuries, she had been a constant and victorious Enemy. *Great Britain* felt the unhappy Effects of Party Division at home, in some early Misfortunes; united within herself, and favour'd by Providence, she became irresistible.

The principal Events of this astonishing War, reduced to a short chronological Series, make the Subject of the following Pages. They are only design'd to assist the Memory in the easiest Manner, and to serve as a copious Index to any larger Work; which, by reasoning upon Matters of Fact, and explaining the Motives of political Actions, may throw a full Light upon the Conduct of the Powers engag'd in the War, and enable the Reader to form his Judgement upon the Nature, Solidity, and Duration of a Peace. — A Work, of this Character, belongs, not to the ANNALIST, but the STATESMAN.