

Topick, remembering the Fable of the Viper and the File, and fearing to discover himself too much. But tho' he does not directly calumniate that Prince, yet he endeavours to vilify every Action of his Reign ; the Partition-Treaty is trump'd up, and laid as a Crime to the Charge of that Prince, and as a Slur upon his Memory. But any one, that can remember what was doing at that time of day, must know, that the Partition-Treaty was forc'd upon him ; I will not say, by whom ; by the not supporting him in Measures he was encourag'd by his Parliament to undertake. For if ever there was a Prince that had a thorough Aversion to the Tyranny of the *French* King, and a hearty Zeal for the common Cause, it was King *William* ; and whenever he did not succeed, the Fault will easily and clearly be found to be in his Want of Support from those who were most interested in the Success of his Undertakings : but those, who acting the Part of Friends to *France*, hinder'd him from being supported, were the first to lay the blame wrongfully upon him.

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