

Another Reason, given by *our Author*, for not treating with *Holland*, upon this Occasion, is that *We are farther remov'd from any sudden Resentment*; and therefore it was thought *the most adviseable Step, for the common good of both Nations, that England should first strengthen herself by an Alliance with some other considerable Powers, whose Interest it is to check the Imperial Power*; and as the *Opposition between the Emperor and France must be constant in all junctures and Events, an Alliance with France was certainly the most natural Alliance England could have, in this Case.*

I have put the *Author's Argument* in its full Strength, as He hath stated it, that He may have no Reason to complain of Misrepresentation; and I will leave the World to judge whether it can do his Cause any Service; for *if England is farther remov'd from the Effects of any sudden Resentment*, why should she be the first to provide against Danger, and to strengthen Herself with any *Alliances*? Why did not *France* lead the Way; since the Consequences of the *Vienna Treaty* were so formidable to *that Crown*? Or what Danger could We apprehend from *that Treaty*, when the *Opposition of France to the Emperor was so certain*, and the Interest of *Holland* made it so necessary for Her to court *our Alliance*, without any *private Restrictions*, or *preliminary Services*? May it not likewise be ask'd, whether there is not as *constant a Jealousy and secret Rivalship between France and England, as between France and the Emperor*?

The *Considerer* seems to allow that *France abstractedly hath no great Concern for the Rights and Possessions of Great-Britain*; but then We are told that the *Union of Spain and the Emperor, which must create the greatest Alarm and Uneasiness to France,*