

had only a popish king of France for his defender. Did we think then the protestant interest at all concerned in that war? And why should we in this? This great champion of protestantism was then universally decried by us, as a man void of faith, religion, and every good principle."

Drained as the nation has been of late to the very dregs of political writing, I know no man so great a dunce, or Quixote, as to imagine that every prince, and every potentate, does not pursue his own interest, if he can see it, or if he thinks he sees it. A great and a sensible prince can have no principle but interest, because it never can be his true interest to adopt a system of fraud, perfidy, and injustice. If, with Lewis the XIVth of France, he shall adopt such a system, he is no great prince. His greatness is temporary, and, like that of Lewis, it must have an end in his own life-time.

But let us not be deceived by bold sounds and assertions. I deny that our illustrious ally is more a nominal protestant, than the heads of the houses of Austria and Bourbon are nominal papists. The king of Prussia cannot