

Shall then the innocent Hanoverians be quartered upon, and oppressed by the French troops, and the English not attack them? Not, if we have any compassion for the Electorate : for then the French will always go thither. And how cruel a hardship shall we bring upon the country, if we thus make it the seat of our wars : or when will there be an end of the poor people's sorrows, if by thus considering them, as a part of ourselves, we furnish all nations with the means of annoying us ; and make the Hanoverians backwards rue the smart of every quarrel, which may happen to arise between Britain, and any other powers upon the continent ?

But some perhaps may say, let who will attack the Electorate upon our account, we will revenge its cause. We may, if we please, resolve that we will defend it against every power in Europe ; but, without being at a greater expence to maintain that government, than our own in time of peace, we cannot defend it against any. This is an evil, which necessarily arises out of its distance from us. The parliament may address for it ; and generous British hearts ought to feel for it ; but they cannot protect it : either from the French, when they are pleased formally to attack it ; or from any of the lesser States of the Empire, if they choose suddenly to over-run it. Do we doubt of this ? The course of the war, has afforded but too many proofs of our inability in this respect. How did the war begin ? The scene in Germany, opened with our being in alliance with the Empress Queen. And
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