

faction, respectively, as to their Demands, whenever a general Peace came to be made; and thus by a Felicity peculiar to *German* Politicks, their less powerful Neighbours not only fought on their Side, but paid them likewise for fighting for themselves.

We are now come to the Second Part of our Task, in which we are to examine the present State of *Germany*, with Respect to its own Power, and the Relation it has to the rest of *Europe*. It will previous to this be necessary to observe, that by the present State of *Germany*, I mean the Condition that great Country is in, since the Imperial Title has been transferred from the House of *Austria* to that of *Bavaria*. This I must take leave to say is, in my humble Opinion, a Circumstance agreeable to most, and not unpleasant to any of the Princes of the Empire. They felt sufficiently the Weight which his hereditary Dominions gave to every Emperor of the House of *Austria*, and were uneasy enough under it, because they saw that it was constantly directed to the securing his own Dominions, and aggrandizing his own Family; with which the States of the Empire thought they had no immediate Concern. This Disposition was extremely remarkable in the three last Monarchs of that House, *Leopold*, *Joseph* and *Charles*: The former was an ambitious, crafty and obstinate Prince, infinitely more desirous of making himself absolute at home, than formidable abroad; his Maxims of Government rendered him the weakest Prince in *Europe*, notwithstanding the Extent of his Dominions; his love of arbitrary Power, kept the *Hungarians*, who have so nobly defended his Grand-Daughter, almost always Rebels, and his Bigotry made the People of *Bohemia* Slaves. His Usage of the House of *Bavaria*