

closets of different political designers : but that which fired the imagination of all who were admitted into the secret, was framed by a gentleman too well known in the political world, and his superior knowledge of foreign affairs, to need any mention in this place. The essence of which is,

“ That an alliance be formed wherein
 “ the king of Prussia be made a leading
 “ party, to detach him from France—Pro-
 “ pose a certain share of the Austrian Ne-
 “ therlands and a sea port.—The house
 “ of Austria equivalent districts in Al-
 “ sace and election of the Arch-duke.—
 “ That the king of Prussia command the
 “ allied troops in the Netherlands, and
 “ that the whole power of the house of
 “ Austria may be enabled to act on the
 “ side of Alsace. Subsidial troops must be
 “ obtained from Denmark, Saxony, or
 “ Russia, and the king of Sardinia enga-
 “ ged to defend the imperial dominions in
 “ Italy. His share to be, &c. what is not
 “ proper at present to mention.” It hap-
 pened very luckily for this scheme, that a
 certain prince had reasons enough to ac-
 quit himself of all former obligations to
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