

that old system which had for ages been the source of enmity between their houses.

The sincerity of their professions was proved by actions that could not be equivocal ; a mutual implicit confidence was demonstrated by their spurning away every other means of support, and the league was sanctified and confirmed by a sacrifice on each side worthy the importance of the occasion ; two monarchs, their friends and allies were severally devoted to destruction.

Does the history of those times which immediately preceded the treaty of *Westphalia* down to the signature of the treaty of *Ver-sailles*, contain any stronger proofs of the system then pursued by the two contending powers, than what has passed since affords of a total change in that system ? If one set of measures invariably followed during one period proves the intention of the pursuit, an absolute reverse of these in another demonstrates the intention altered. *p.* 8, 9, 12. Yet the whole of our author's argument, and his strongest objections to our conduct, are derived from the old *French* and *Austrian* system ; from a system which no longer exists at the courts of *Vienna* or *Ver-sailles*, and which by consequence cannot be a rule for our actions with respect to either of them.

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