

we are to add the *Empress of Russia*, the *King of Poland*, who is a Subsidiary Ally of ours, the *King Elector of Hanover*, the *Prince of Hesse*, the *Electors of Bavaria*, who is a Subsidiary Ally of ours also, and the *King of Sardinia*. In opposition to these, *France* has the *Kings of Sweden, Denmark, and Prussia*, to whom she pays annually in Subsidies 725,000l. Sterling; and the *Electors of Cologne*, who has also a Subsidy from her, who it is more than possible are all the Allies she can depend upon in case of a War with us; for *Spain*, it is almost impossible to imagine will interfere as she can have no Interest in the Quarrel, and it is more essential to her to preserve Peace with *Great-Britain* than all the other Powers of *Europe*; and if she does not meddle, it is highly probable neither *Parma* nor *Naples* will, as those two Courts are greatly supported and influenced by *Spain*. But to admit *Spain* does join *France* and declare against us, her Navy added to that of *France* will then be no more than equal to that of ours in Ships and Guns, and the *Spaniards* cannot man their Fleet; nor the *French* victual theirs, in time of War, so as to act with full and combined Force at once. Therefore if this should be the Case, we shall have nothing to fear but upon the Continent of *Europe*, where there can be no other Authority at present than mere Conjecture for what part our Allies, or those of *France*, will act, or how far either Side shall make it the Interest of some of the Powers in alliance to maintain a Neutrality, and others to take the Field. But I believe no Person that knows the Interest and Abilities of the several Allies mentioned, will deny, but that we are now not only more able to divert the Force of *France* from this Island, than in the late War, but that we shall be capable of acting offensively, and perhaps so effectually, as to give us an Opportunity to employ the whole of our Fleet in annoying and distressing the Enemy at Sea in all Parts, and to be able to retain whatever we recover or conquer in the *New-World*. But to suppose we and our Allies should be beat and distressed upon the Continent of *Europe*; it is only giving up some one or other of our Conquests in *America*, and we may whenever we please, or the general State of *Europe* requires it, reconcile jarring Interests and purchase Repose.

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