

terms.” This is professedly a gingle of words. Was the continent connected in itself, I mean, even against France, in queen Anne’s time? Did not king William, even before his death, break those connexions, for which our author so pompously applauds him, so that queen Anne in the beginning of her reign, found Europe as unconnected as it is now? The empire in itself, torn in pieces by the defection of one of its most powerful electors from the common cause, while others of them were more covertly friends to France; Sweden so near declaring against us, that we were obliged to have recourse to gratifying the pride of that monarch; by sending the duke of Marlborough to him, to work upon his private passions, which he did in a manner not altogether becoming the dignity of his mistress and his country. All Spain, and the greatest part of Italy in arms against us, and even the duke of Savoy our friend, only because Britain was the most capable to be his, against the more than insolence of the French monarch; and what was worse than all, Great-Britain, by being then unconnected in herself, gave the enemy double advantages.

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