

France, are Germany, Holland, and England : Spain, and Savoy, Russia, Denmark, and Sweden, may any of them accede to such an alliance, but Germany, Holland, and England, must be the basis of every confederacy, which can be of any avail against the land power of France.

I never read the history of the two grand alliances, which were formed by King William against the growing power of France, without feeling the warmest sentiments of gratitude to that great deliverer of Europe. Never did King of England appear with greater dignity, than he did in that great Congress, held at the Hague in the year 1691; when the Emperor and Empire, the Kings of Spain, Sweden, and Denmark, by their several ambassadors, the Electors of Germany by their particular ministers, and several of them in their own persons, with at least fifty of the greatest Princes of Germany, all attended to hear him plead the cause of Europe; and all joined in one common league and declaration against France. This was an august alliance worthy of a King of England to fight at the head of. An alliance which brought down 200,000 men upon the French frontiers, beside those in British pay*. And though King William was not
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* Lewis XIVth had generally five armies in the course of this war; sometimes six, and never less than four. Those in Germany and Flanders often amounted to 100,000 soldiers; beside garrisons kept in the frontier towns. The French monarch