

future to prefer our own Interest to that of others; to proportion our Expences on the Continent to the immediate Expences of our own Country, and never to assist a New Ally without remembering how much we did for our Old one, and what return we have had. We see plainly, Sir, by the Conduct of Great Britain at this Hour, that the Ministry is not inclined to let this Prince fall for want of a due Assistance; but sure while we assist him so materially in *Europe*, we are not bound to sacrifice our Interests in other Parts of the World. It may be a popular Doctrine, but I hope, it is not a Doctrine that will be received.

‡ Enthusiasm, Sir, is a noble Principle of Action, but good Sense and Knowledge only must direct the sole Business of a Negotiation. The Protestant

‡ P. 40, 41. I would inculcate a *Doctrine* which I think will not be *unpopular*, and which therefore, I hope, will not be opposed by our Ministers,* that *whatever Conquest* we have made, and whatever Conquest we may still make upon the *French*, except *North America*, which must be kept all our own, should be looked upon as given back to *France* for a valuable Consideration, if it can be the Means of extricating the King of *Prussia* from any unforeseen Distresses.

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