

Houses, to be convinc'd that the House of *Bourbon* has in all those Respects infinitely the Advantage of the House of *Austria*.

As to the first, this is not a proper Place to Treat of Funds from whence the *French King* draws his Revenue, nor of the Time when, nor the Method how; I shall content myself to say in general, and I hope no *Frenchman* who understands these Affairs will deny it, that the fix'd Revenues of the King of *France* did in 1688, amount to near sixty millions of Crowns, and that the extraordinary Sums he has rais'd since that Time, were never less than forty millions of Crowns; nor will it be disown'd, that sometimes they exceeded two hundred Millions, as at the Time when he set up his Mint Bills, to which we must add the Capitation, and the tenth Penny, which has chang'd the Constitution of the Finances, but certainly have not lessen'd them; in short, 'tis certain that the King of *France* does actually levy above a hundred millions of Crowns *per Ann.* Those of the Monarchy of *Spain*, were formerly valu'd at thirty six millions of Crowns, including the Revenues of the *Indies*, *Sicily*, *Milan*, and the *Netherlands*, and the Concessions or Grants upon the Clergy; but they have been so alienated, mortgag'd, and over mortgag'd, that there is not a Man in the World, who can give a clear and certain State of them: As to extraordinary Revenues, the Kings of *Spain* have few more

F

but