

You see that all this was done without the Intervention of *England*, or without our getting or losing any thing thereby ; though at the Beginning of the Quarrel, we had interposed in Favour of the *German* Princes, and in Conjunction with the Northern Kings. You see likewise how *France* acquired her first Footing in *Alsace*, and the Possession of several Places, which Colonel *Mentzel* says are shortly to be taken from her ; in fine, you will observe, that by this very Treaty, all the Conquests hitherto made by *France*, are given up, and yielded to her, in the strongest Terms, by a Treaty, upon which the present Constitution of *Germany*, the Rights, Privileges and Possessions of all the Princes and States therein are absolutely founded. A Treaty ratified and confirmed by many subsequent, I may say by all subsequent Treaties, and which if it should be overturned, by reclaiming all that is given to *France* thereby, must necessarily induce new Disturbances in *Germany*, perhaps more dangerous in their Consequences, than any that have followed upon the Disputes about the *Pragmatic Sanction*. These I say are Things you discover at first Sight, from the bare Detail of what has formerly happened in this Country, and which cannot be denied by any who are competently versed in Modern History, and who are content to make Use of their Knowledge, for the Support of Truth, rather than the Maintaintance of their own Prejudices.

Thence forward the Affairs of *Germany* acquired a new Face ; the Electors and Princes considered the *French* King as their sole Support, and the Emperor continued notwithstanding to pursue his old Scheme of treating them as his Subjects ; this occasioned perpetual Disputes and Quarrels in the Empire, and afforded the *French* King, I mean
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