

of that unhappy country are falsely imputed to us, who by the treaty of *Westminster* devised the only possible means of preventing them; and by our glorious resistance in conjunction with our heroic ally, have down to this period stopt the completion of a scheme more formidable to the Protestant religion, the liberties of *Europe*, and the safety, independence, and prosperity of this kingdom, than could have been executed by the house of *Austria*, when her power was most dreaded, or by *Lewis XIV.* when he aspired at universal monarchy. In this scheme the two great powers of *Austria* and *Bourbon* have unfortunately engaged another, the greatest power of the North, to second their designs. The king of *Prussia* is so situated as to be a check upon the aggrandisement of *Russia*, where alone any new acquisition would be an addition of real strength to that vast empire, and the only power that can thwart her authoritative influence over other neighbours, whom possibly she does not now mean to subdue. Other causes have cooperated, of a more private nature, to indispose the *Russian* monarch towards him. Such causes will operate, because monarchs have human passions and frailties—and nations are governed by them.

The views and interests of *Austria* and *France* are not the same,—nay they are
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