

Trade must have been all this Time in our Favour; and yet I think I may be justified in saying that during his whole Reign, there was not one Year with another above a Million and a Half raised upon the Nation by Authority of Parliament, and yet, as we have already seen, the Affairs of the Continent were not neglected, the Power of *France* was in a good Measure restrained, and the Treaty of *Nimeguen*, made under King *Charles's* Mediation, fixed the Tranquility of *Europe*, upon as just and lasting a Foundation as any laid for it by future Alliances.

I shall not pretend to give any Account of the Politicks of the next Reign, they are but too well known already. King *James* notwithstanding the Experience he might have reaped, from his Brother's Misfortunes, entered into a close Conjunction with *France*, which, to speak fairly and impartially, was his Ruin. If he did it from religious Views, he certainly sacrificed his political Interests. If his Endeavours to extend his Prerogative to protect and promote Papists, to make use of corrupt Lawyers, to weaken and decide away the Constitution of this Kingdom, which is, and ought to be as much a Rule to the King, as to the Subjects, if I say he made the Revolution necessary at Home; his Complaisance for *France* produced the Means of accomplishing it abroad, not only by engaging *Holland*, but the Emperor, *Spain*, and some of the Princes and States of *Germany*, to concur in bringing it about, which they would never have done, let our civil or religious Grievances been what they would; if he had had any just Notions of the Ballance of Power in *Europe*. In this Respect he was truly infatuated, for he not only disobliged his natural
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