

general, and as parts of one great whole, to be actuated against France the common enemy.

In short, either there is such a thing, as a common interest of Europe; and Germany is or may be of use to Britain and the common cause; or it cannot. If there is no such common cause, or Germany cannot be of use to it, then certainly it cannot be of use for England to lavish its millions about it. If there be such a cause, and Germany ever can be of use to England by serving it, it can be so only by its union. Germany divided into factions, and fighting one half of it against the other half, cannot weaken France, or serve the cause of Europe. Nothing but a hearty union of the Emperor and Empire, and the several States, which compose it, acting under one head, can be of any avail for this purpose. The sowing divisions therefore in the Empire, and abetting the quarrels between any of its members, may serve the humour of a particular elector; certainly does serve the cause of France, but never can the interest of England.

I don't determine, whether the Germans are likely soon to agree together in any one point; and much less in uniting with England and the States General in a war with France: but till they do thus agree, England has nothing to do with their little internal quarrels. The only chance we have however for such an union, and the only means of accelerating it