

but it was resolved to have the daughter of a sovereign; and Leopold proposed a daughter of the Elector of Palatine. She was sister to that very Charles of Newburg, of whom Prince James had so much cause to complain. By this marriage the house of Sobieski became allied to all the crowns of Europe, and Prince James was brother-in-law to the Emperor. This was the first instance of the Emperor's having dealt sincerely with the King of Poland, and even in this he consulted rather his own ends than those of his ally whom he fixed more firmly than ever in his interest by this new connection.

The Emperor being thus appeased and the French faction humbled, the marriage rejoicings were resumed with great splendor, when all was again disturbed by the disagreement that rose in the royal family. The Queen of Poland, who still ruled in her husband's heart, had a mind to make the Princess of Poland sensible of her power; the latter was not so tractable as the former expected; Prince James, let it be said to his credit and honor, in this unfortunate family dissension in the most chivalrous manner took sides with his young wife.

His brother, Prince Alexander, was now no longer a child, and began to fix his eyes upon the splendors of the throne. The charms that accompany the first bloom of youth, an open countenance, an agreeable figure, a graceful air, and gentle manners, had gained