

a behaviour in a great kingdom like France; which should thus confess its inferiority to its enemy, by seeking to revenge its quarrel on a defenceless country which had not the least concern in it. And no measure could make the French more obnoxious to the Empire, if we would but keep out of it. It would then be a German cause, and not an English one; and the Electorate would have a right to call for the assistance of the Empire to its protection. It might suffer a little at first perhaps, as the German councils are slow; but from the nature of things it is evident, that the French army never would stay there more than a single winter. The French therefore, would not think it worth their while to go thither, unless they were sure to find an army in English pay to fight with, and justify their coming thither.

I now add, that whenever an English army is there, they always will go thither; because that is the most advantageous method of carrying on the war for them, and the most disadvantageous for England. It must be so as long as the present war shall last: because England has so great a superiority at sea, that they have no other country to go to. The French have now no one place to fight us in, unless we find for them a field of battle in Germany. They cannot invade England: if they could, there would not be a man of their army in Germany. But their troops probably would not embark on board their transports, after having seen their fleet destroyed, which should have protected

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