

of any other power; it from thenceforward becomes the interest of the other States, to be watchful over it, to guard against the growth of it, and mutually to assist each other, when they are attacked by it. This is the universal maxim of politics, which has held good in all ages, from the first establishing of governments. *Dum singuli pugnant, universi vincuntur*, is related by the historian as a cause of the extending the Roman monarchy; and must be a principal, or at least a concomitant cause, in the growth of every other.

It was from this principle, that France and the rest of Europe were jealous of Charles the Vth, when Germany, Spain, and the Netherlands, with the Indies, were united under one head. “ *And all true Englishmen, since the decay of the Spanish monarchy, have ever taken it for granted, that the security of their religion, liberty and property; that their honour, their wealth, and their trade depend chiefly upon the proper measures to be taken from time to time against the growing power of France.*” This was the language of parliament in their address to King William just before his death; and of that House of Commons, which has been thought his wisest, and to have best consulted the nation’s interest.

The three powers of Europe, which are most indangered by France, and which by their union alone can carry on an effect: land war against  
France