

There is one Thing more that I must touch upon before I quit this Part of my Subject, and that is the Figure the Princes of the Empire stood in formerly with Respect to *England*. In the Reign of *Henry VIII.* the Emperor himself took *English* pay, and fought under the Banner of that Monarch; it is not likely therefore that in those Days, the Princes of the Empire were thought much superior in Rank to our Nobility. The Case is indeed somewhat altered since, for the *German* Princes are grown greater and more independant, and the Power of the *English* Nobility is as much declined since that Time. Under the Reign of *Queen Elizabeth*, we had more frequent Intercourse with the *German* Princes; but even then they were not considered in any extraordinary light here, as appears by some Grants of Pensions, very far short of modern Subsidies; scarce so many Shillings as we now give them Pounds, which the Reader may find in *Rymer's* Collections. King *James I.* married his eldest Daughter to the Elector *Palatine*, then called the *Palsgrave*, which was not thought a very advantageous Match in those Days, as appears by her Mother's calling her Goody *Palsgrave*, and yet this Marriage obliged us to interfere more than we had done before with the Affairs of *Germany*, and in a Manner very little to our Advantage. In the Time of *Charles I.* the Elector *Palatine* took Refuge here with his two Brothers *Rupert* and *Maurice*. As for the Elector he remained with the Parliament, who paid him, for a time, a great deal of Respect; the two younger Brothers served in his Majesty's Army, where, though they were Princes of the Blood, and both very accomplish'd Soldiers, the Haughtiness of their Tempers, and the Roughness of their Manners, did his Majesty

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