

Emperor, but to promote the Design in View. *France* is Powerful of herself, but more so by her Alliances. The King of *Prussia* gives her more Weight in the Empire than all the rest of her Allies there; wherefore our chief Business is to strip her of that Prop as soon as we can. The Path to that Prince's Heart is plain and short. 'Tis but indulging to his Vanity and he changes Sides: And by changing he leaves *France* naked and defenceless.

You see, Sir, the Tendency of all my Reasoning and Politics. *France* is the hated Object; and should be so with all *Englishmen* and *Dutchmen*: I think the Juncture is favourable for reducing her Power; and I am for postponing every other Consideration the better to improve an Opportunity, the like of which may never offer again. If we can settle the Peace of the Empire to the good liking of the Majority of it's Members, we shall not only wean all the *Germanic* Powers from any Attachment to *France*, but have them join us to pull her down.

Therefore, the Election of an Emperor is a Matter of the utmost Consequence; and much more now, in my Opinion, than at the Demise of *Charles VI.* An Alliance against *France* will be greatly strengthen'd by including the Empire in it; and is the *Head* with us, we may securely reckon on the Friendship of the Members. But where
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