

master *Germany* has been taught the madness of endeavouring to plan conquests there ; while *England* inferior to her in many respects, has assumed the empire of the ocean.

There can be no absolute security for the duration of mortal systems. Passions, those hurricanes of the mind, may overturn the most solid and best constructed edifices. A *Lewis XIV.* or a *Charles V.* may arise in some future age, with the same frantic ambition that actuated those their predecessors. But human contrivance can form no better plan for duration than solidity of power ; and the best security of a lasting amity among princes, arises from a diversity of uninterfering views, and such an equality of force as would render a breach between them perilous to the aggressor. Such an equality our author informs us, *p. 17*, would subsist between *France* with her present possessions, and the Empire, if thoroughly united under one directing head.

I am aware that *France* would in time grow more powerful by trade, than the house of *Austria* could by conquests. But were she mistress of the wealth of the universe, it would not be for her interest to conquer in *Germany*.

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