

the Prince of *Asturias* being very sickly and not likely to have Children.

It is said that *France* and *England* are Guaranties for the *Emperor's* Dominions in *Italy* against any Encroachments, which *Spain* may attempt to make upon them.

I answer, that the Purposes of the *Quadruple Alliance* would have been effectually secur'd by *neutral Troops*; but it is extremely probable that the Introduction of *Spaniards* will be follow'd by Invasions on the *Emperor's* Dominions; for though the Introduction of only 6000 *Spaniards* is stipulated, yet if They are put in Possession of *Leghorn*, They may admit as many more as They please by the Help of their Fleet, which is large enough for that Purpose, and will be as good as a Bridge between *Italy* and *Spain*. In this Case, *France* will not be very forward, to execute their Engagements of Guaranty in the *Emperor's* behalf; and if *England* does, she must lose her Trade to *Spain* and to *Leghorn*. If *France* should think fit to quarrel with the *Emperor*, she will encourage *Spain* to invade his *Italian* Dominions; and when the *Emperor* complains of it, They will, without much Difficulty (according to the modern Way of interpreting the Obligations of *Treaties*) find out some Act or other of the *Emperor*, which They will alledge as a Reason for his having forfeited a Right to that Guaranty. But surely Princes should endeavour to concert their *Treaties* in such a Manner, that there may be Reason to hope their Guaranty will not be wanted, and not so as to be almost sure *that it will!*—In this latter Case, a Foundation is laid for a War; and as it will be the Interest both of *France* and *England* not to quarrel too easily with *Spain*, on Account of the Benefits
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