

her consent been obtained, and advantages offered to her, which, in a *new system* induced her to depart from that policy which had directed her operations in *Germany* for more than two centuries. The house of *Austria* could not have been mad enough to measure her single force against such mighty odds as *France* and *Prussia* united ; and her revenues were not sufficient to render the contest more equal by strengthening her own arms with those of *Russia*, who without pecuniary supplies, however well disposed, neither would nor could march to her assistance.

She therefore offered such advantages to *France*, and gave an immediate pledge of her sincerity, which induced the court of *Versailles* to become her ally against the King of *Prussia*, and to enable *Russia* and *Sweden* to join in the same cause.

A war in *Germany*, and a *French* invasion inseparable from it, were therefore the necessary consequences of every project entertained by the house of *Austria* : of that in which she would have had us become her accomplice, and of that which when refused by us, she has since attempted in concert with her hereditary enemy and the irreconcilable foe to *Great-Britain*. She therefore brought the *French* into *Germany* ; and the miseries
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