

so far from thinking, that the Union of the two Monarchies of the House of *Austria*, in the Emperor of *Germany*, would make him too powerful, that they entered into an Alliance to preserve the whole to the House of *Austria*, in the Person of the Emperor, after the Death of the King of *Spain*. Howsoever, *England* afterwards came to be of another Opinion.

Now as to what you have said in respect to the Prince succeeding upon the Death of the present King of *France*, I am satisfy'd to believe, that during a Minority, the Maxims of that Crown will be less active, and will be less sensible to the rest of *Europe*. I'll believe that the Good-will and Pleasure of the Regents, let them be who they will, will not be so forcible as that of *Lewis* the Great, to open the Purses of the Kingdom. In short, I'll believe that the Minority may procure us some Peace; but then that Peace will last but ten or twelve Years at most: After which a new King will appear upon the Throne equally ambitious and undertaking as his Predecessors. A long Peace will have refill'd his Exchequer. Trade will have brought Plenty into his Dominions, and his People will have forgotten their past Miseries. Old Maxims will be then new vamp'd up. The Seas will be cover'd with Fleets, and the Fields with Armies. And according to all Appearance, they then will crush us, either all together, or one after another.

Not-