

Measures, as might encrease its Influence in *Germany*, to such a Degree as might endanger his own Safety ; this I say is a thing not only improbable but altogether impossible ; and therefore we ought to consider this Prince as one of the greatest Powers in *Germany*, and a Power too that will be continually growing. I shall readily admit that this may be in some Respects a disagreeable Prospect, but in the Light, in which we are now to consider it, it is apparently otherwise. *France* might much more easily swallow up Five, or Six little Principalities, than she could conquer so great a Force, as this Monarch can and has brought into the Field, which Consideration may with like Justice be applied to other Princes, that we shall mention ; and therefore their Grandeur must be regarded as a true Barrier against the Power of *France*, unless we imagine they can be wheedled into Slavery, and if so, I doubt the Maritime Powers cannot force them to be free.

The King of *Poland*, as Elector of *Saxony*, is also much more potent than his Predecessors, and as he lives in a very good Correspondence with all the Princes of his Family, he is able to do much, whenever he is forced to exert his utmost Strength. I am sensible, it is a common Opinion, that his Kingdom is of little use to his Electorate ; but I know too, that such as say this, are not very well acquainted with the Maxims of *German* Princes, who have always a warm, and laudable Affection for their Hereditary Dominions. Besides the Revenues of *Poland*, are very considerable, little short, if I am rightly informed, of our civil List ; and as the King does not reside much at *Warsaw*, and has always abundance of *Polish* Noblemen about his Court, there must be a great deal saved, and the Electorate must be long ago indemnified
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