

by the wicked and treacherous Arts of *France*. This was the Object of the Queen's Views, and from the Pursuit of this glorious Object was the young Hero of *Lorraine* recalled by the Invasion of *Bobemia*.

I am sensible, Sir, that it will be an unpleasing Subject to you, tho' I know not why it should be so ; but, at the same Time, it is so material to my Purpose, that I must take the Liberty of pointing out to you the Advantages, that must have followed from the putting this Scheme in Execution, and which, by the Way, nothing could have prevented, but the paradoxical Method of giving Peace to *Germany* by recalling thither the War, which had been transferred into the Territories of *France*. In the first Place, Sir, it would have restored to *Germany* a large Extent of Country, every Foot of which had been taken away by Methods the most unjustifiable that were perhaps ever used. For the three Bishopricks were seiz'd under the Notion of a Sequestration, *Alsace* obtain'd by Fraud, and the City of *Strasburgh* surprized by open Force, in a Time of a full Peace, and when all *France* blush'd at the Fact, except the barbarous Minister that directed, and the ambitious Monarch that permitted it. This alone must have had happy Consequences, because it must have remov'd the Terror of the *French* Arms from four of the *German* Electors. In the next Place, it would have been a noble Accession to the Territories of the Prince for whom they were designed ; and to mention no more, it would, in the third Place, have given such Spirit to the desponding Powers of *Europe*, as would probably have secured them, for an Age at least, against the Force and Intrigues of *France*. All these Advantages would
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