

she demands, and considerably to enlarge her Dominions?

Are you fully persuaded, that when *Spain* and the *Indies* are taken from the House of *Austria* and given to the House of *Bourbon*, that the former will be in a better Condition than before, to balance the Power of the latter, and to protect the other Powers of *Europe* against her Designs?

Do you think it a Demonstration, that the House of *Austria*, which while she possess'd the whole *Spanish* Monarchy was not able to resist *France*, and found herself under a Necessity to press for the Assistance of the two Maritim Powers, in order to preserve her Dominions, will be all on a sudden so reinforc'd, when above half of the Monarchy is taken from her, as to be able to secure and defend the Liberty of *Europe*? I'm almost asham'd to put such Queries to a Man of so much Sense, Wisdom, and Love to his Country, as you are reputed to be; but Passions are rais'd so high with you, that the most demonstrable Truths have as much Need of being prov'd as the most abstracted Notions.

How far was I two Years, or only a Year and a half ago, from thinking that at this Time, I should be oblig'd to prove to an *Englishman*, that the Welfare of *Europe* did not consist in the weakning the House of *Austria*, and aggrandizing that of *Bourbon*; and that for establishing a Balance of Power betwixt them,