

Vitals. Experience had likewise shewn, that the other Powers of *Europe* had the greatest need of the Concurrence of the Empire as it was then constituted, that is to say, with a powerful and well-affected Prince at its Head, for the Preservation of their Freedom and Independency ; and hence resulted that Concern which both the Empire and other Powers of *Europe* shewed for the Preservation and Support of the House of *Austria* ; that is, the conserving all the Dominions in the actual Possession of the late Emperor *Charles VI.* of glorious Memory, to his Heir, which was the Point aimed at by the Pragmatick Sanction, or Domestick Law of the Family, laid down by his Imperial Majesty then reigning.

The Pragmatick Sanction was made by the late Emperor *Charles VI.* in the Year 1713 ; in the Years 1724 and 1725, he caused it to be published and accepted in all his hereditary Dominions ; and in the Year 1731, he communicated it to the Diet of the Empire ; declaring at the same Time, that as the Treaty he had lately made with his *Britannick* Majesty, in a great Measure secured the Ballance of *Europe*, so there wanted only a Resolution of the Diet in Support of the Pragmatick Sanction, to place that and the Tranquility of the Empire on the most solid Foundation. His Imperial Majesty, at the same Time asserted, “ that it was in order to arrive
 “ at so salutary an end, that he had thought fit
 “ to communicate to the Diet, in order to obtain their Guaranty, the Order of Succession
 “ in the most illustrious House of *Austria*, from
 “ an entire Confidence that as hitherto the Power
 “ of the House of *Austria* had served as a Bulwark to all Christendom, had always defended, against every Aggressor, the Liberty of
 “ *Europe*,