

by us to the *Prussian* monarch. The spirit of this treaty was on our part the very same with that which dictated the *Russian*: Both were meant to keep the *French* out of *Germany*. For altho' the *Russ* would in case of a rupture act directly against *Prussia*, yet it is evident that if the apprehension of this event would have so far operated upon the *Prussian* monarch as to render him averse from a *French* invasion, as he certainly would have been, *p.* 94; *France* would as certainly not have attempted one in the system at that time subsisting, without encouragement and assistance from him. But the encouragement refused by *Prussia* was supplied by the Empress-Queen.

This unnatural conjunction of the two houses of *Austria* and *Bourbon*, seemed, as it well might, an impossible event. And without it, the peace of *Germany* would have been preserved by the treaty of *Westminster*; whereas a compliance from us with the *Austrian* scheme, would render war in *Germany* and a *French* invasion unavoidable. For, *p.* 8, no man can be so wild as to think that *France* would permit the Empress-Queen, even unassisted by us, to recover *Silesia*; and weaken if not destroy that power whom she contributed to raise at the expence of her best blood and treasure, as a rival to the house of *Austria* in *Germany*; had not her