

was the pretext in the last war, and for the sake of a fatal diversion, we sent over our national troops into Flanders, against the will of the Dutch, to keep the war out of the Electorate, and ruin the barrier; and put our most natural allies into the power of France.

We may now be told, that Germany is in danger, and the French King will make himself Elector of Hanover, or Lord of Bremen, and gain a port upon the Weser and the northern ocean. And is not this a reason against our giving six hundred and seventy thousand pound to keep the houses of Austria and Brandenburg in blood, who would be the first to take umbrage at such an attempt? and who, with Sweden and Denmark, would be the nearest concerned, and the only powers able to prevent it?

In short, it is impossible to say what may be the ostensible reasons, which interested or indolent men may alledge, to conceal the true one. But all this is only giving to every man of common understanding an advantage, which no superiority of rank or parts can compensate for. I have before shewn, that the war itself, in its first principle, is wrong; against the true interest of Europe, of Germany, and of Britain, and therefore, in the nature of things, there can no argument be brought for it, which will not be convertible into a much stronger against it.

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