

Neutral Troops as Enemies, it was a very pardonable Mistake. I think in my Conscience, Sir, that a Man of your Modesty would scarce venture to assert, that they ought to have look'd upon them as Friends. To cut the Matter short, and to speak freely what I think, there never was so ridiculous a Farce play'd as this, which was design'd to give Birth to so serious an Affair as the *Treaty of Union at Francfort*, and the *Invasion of Bohemia in Consequence of that Treaty*; you must allow, Sir, that I have not followed the modern Fashion of exaggerating Things, but have treated this Matter as softly and tenderly as possible; for had I written in the new Style, I should have charged the Emperor with breaking the Neutrality, with violating the most solemn Capitulations, and thereby exposing his Subjects, his brave and loyal Subjects, who have deserv'd so much better at his Hands, to all the Severities they have met with since.

On the whole therefore, these Complaints are either without Foundation, or if there be any Foundation for a Complaint, it is not certainly against the Queen of *Hungary*. She did not begin the War, therefore the Consequences of the War cannot in Justice be imputed to her. She did not despoil the Elector of *Bavaria* of his hereditary Countries, from a Thirst of Dominion, but from a laudable Desire of removing the Seat of War from among her Subjects. She does not withhold these Dominions from an ambitious Desire of extending her own Power, but as a Pledge of her being indemnified for what she has lost on the one Hand; and on the other, because she cannot with Safety restore them. If she protested against the Election of the present Emperor, it was because her Vote in electing him was set aside;