

with. Thirdly, the Authority which such an Emperor may acquire by a wise and upright Administration, will actually raise a new Power in *Germany*; the House of *Austria* still retaining its former Strength, together with the Means of exerting it more freely. These Reasons appear to me extremely cogent, and I can yet add another, which must prove conclusive, and it is this, that his Majesty, as Elector of *Hanover*, gave his Vote for his present Imperial Majesty, which he would never have done, if he had not conceived his Election agreeable to the Interest of the *Germanick* Body; he who thinks otherwise, and would ascribe his Vote to the Terror of *French* Arms, and the Danger of the Electorate, is unacquainted with the Firmness of his Majesty's Temper, and must be at once an Enemy to the Royal Family, and no great Friend to his Country.

After clearing this Point, which I think I have effectually done, I shall proceed to another, which is the prodigious Growth of Power amongst the *German* Princes. The King of *Prussia*, is at least ten Times more considerable a Potentate, than the antient Elector of *Brandenburgh*; as the Reader will easily discern, if he consults that manual of modern Politicks, *M. Van Hoey's* Letters. There he will see that the *French* Court consider his Power as a Ballance to their own, and represent it as such to the States, which they would never have done, if they had not thought it plausible at least, if not clear to a degree of Self-Evidence; his late Conduct with Respect to *France*, ought not at all to lessen our Opinion of his Power, since it is not reasonable to believe, that a Prince who has such extensive Territories, and withal such boundless Ambition, should ever think of becoming dependant on any other Power, or even of entering into such Measures,