

from home, from any other motive but that. I would not be understood to depreciate the Electorate; or to set the value of it below that of other countries: but no particular district in North Germany, is rich enough to make it worth the while of a great kingdom, like that of France, to march its troops so far out of its own dominions, merely for the sake of maintaining them at free quarter. One German Prince may treat another in that manner; as for instance, when this war shall be concluded, the Elector of Saxony may perhaps choose to go and eat up another E—te by way of retaliation for our having, as he may think, so largely contributed to the destruction of Saxony. He, as a German, may have his German passions, prejudices, or affections; and one German power may attack another, without giving umbrage to the Empire: but to a great King, like the King of France, it cannot be an object. If he send a great army, the people cannot maintain them: if a little one, they will drive them out of it: if he duly adjust the proportion of troops, between what will keep the country in subjection, and what it can support, the expedition will at best but pay its own charges; and nothing will remain to the Crown of France. Indeed, how should there be any thing? According to the present laws of war, the utmost, which a French army could do, would be to oblige the people to quarter their soldiers, and to pay to the crown of France the same taxes, which they now