

the Schemes and Projects for dethroning the Head of the Empire; and such the Reasons that ought to arm the Empire against her!

That she had not the same Tenderneſs and Regard for *France*, did not proceed from a rancorous unrelenting Diſpoſition, as has been moſt baſely inſinuated by the Pens under the Direction of that Court, but from a calm and moderate Purſuit of her own Safety, and the Publick Good. She ſaw plainly that her own Succeſſion could never be ſecure, while *France* retain'd the Power of hurting her; ſhe was convinced that the States of the Empire could never exert themſelves in the Maintenance of their Guaranty to that Succeſſion, while *France* could awe them; ſhe diſcern'd with no leſs Certainty, that her Neighbours were in equal Danger; and that the Maritime Powers eſpecially could no more promiſe themſelves quiet than herſelf, if that Power, which no Treaties could bind, was not ſo circumscribed as to loſe in ſome Meaſure the Capacity of hurting. But what then was the Scheme ſhe form'd? For I have already own'd, and I ſtill own, that fair Pretences are not always to be truſted. Was it a Scheme to enlarge her own Dominions at the Expence of *France*? Was it a Project for repairing the Loſſes ſhe had ſuffered by the Intrigues of that Crown, by annexing to her Territories, what was pared from the Robberies of the other? Nothing like it. She thought, and a moſt equitable Thought it was, that an Opportunity offer'd for recovering from *France*, what in Times of publick Confuſion, ſuch as theſe, *France* had ſtolen from the Empire; and it was propoſed that theſe very Dominions ſhould have been given to the Emperor, as a juſt Reparation for the Loſſes he has ſuſtained

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