

Country, they contrived to monopolize Trade, and were so successful in their Contrivances, that no Country could carry on any Trade, without their running away with the best Part of the Profit; the Scene is now changed, most of those great Cities have been swallowed up by the Ambition of the Princes in their Neighbourhood; and it is a Wonder that both Princes and Cities were not swallowed up by the Ambition of *Charles V.* With his Family they struggled for a Time with great Difficulty, but since then they have not only struck out this new Trade of War, but found a Way to make other Nations maintain it. Since the Treaty of *Munster*, all the Wars in *Germany* have been fed by foreign Money. The House of *Austria* was supported by the Riches of *Spain*; and such as opposed the House of *Austria*, by the Wealth of *France*; and in the last general War, when the House of *Austria* had no longer *Spain* to support her, that Deficiency was amply supplied by us, and by the *Dutch*; so that notwithstanding Multitudes of private Persons might be beggared, and particular Provinces might be ruined, that is for a Time, yet *Germany*, or to speak with greater Propriety, the *German* Nation, must have been very considerable Gainers, by the immense Sums of Money poured into their Country by the War.

But to come closer to the Point, let us consider what *Germany* got by the long Train of Negotiations which succeeded the Treaties of *Utrecht* and *Baden*. In the first Place, the late Emperor drew immense Sums from *Italy*, and the Noblemen he sent thither as Vice-roys, Governors, and Generals, returned home again with vast Estates. Yet he bore very little Part of the Expence of that War, supported by the Quadruple Alliance. It appears,