

is said) cost more than would pay fifty thousand Men a Year entire. The enchanting Festivals, of which we have seen so many lavish Descriptions; the prodigious Number of his domestic Officers; and the immense Riches which he has heap'd on those that have serv'd him, on themselves, their Relations and Friends; the so-much-boasted Works of *Maintanon* and *Languedoc*, Mountains levelled, and Canals cut, for the Communication of Seas. And lastly, the vast Number of Pensions, which he gives to all Sorts of People, both within and without his Kingdom, which amounts to more than four Millions of C.owns. You'll find nothing like this in the House of *Austria*, not but they have great and magnificent Hearts; but the continued Expences of a defensive and indispensable War, has left them no Funds for such Magnificence.

VII. I have yet to speak of the Victories and Conquests, which Article alone would require a Volume. I shall therefore not mention their Victories, the Enemies have themselves sufficiently taunted them, both in Verse and Prose; but I think myself obliged to give you a short List of their Conquests. In this I shall not mention any of those Cities, or Provinces, which have been first conquer'd, and afterwards lost or restor'd. Nor that those being acquired by one Treaty, have been restor'd by another. You shall not see in this,

*Lorrain*