

This was the Case of the late Emperor, and must be so of all such weak needy Princes as the Elector of *Bavaria* and the *Palatine*.

The Princes of the Empire would have no such Jealousy of the House of *Brandenburgh* as they have of that of *Austria*, whose Dominion they have determin'd to shake off, having already bore it too long. And their Dread of *Prussia* would be the less, that the Court of *Vienna* is powerful enough and would be always willing to curb that of *Berlin*, should it exceed the Bounds of Moderation. And in regard to Religion, I should not doubt that the *reform'd* would find a Protector in his *Prussian* Majesty, whether he openly retain'd or quitted that Persuasion. Insomuch, that viewing the Election of that Prince in all Lights, I don't see any Choice we can make liable to so few Objections.

Though the Majority of the Electoral Votes seems to be on our Side, I can't but think however that the Advantage is on that of *France*, with regard to a future Election : And the Difficulties we lie under in relation to the King of *Poland* and *Grand Duke*, as suggested above, is what gives her the Ascendant. *France* will find her Account in either of the young Electors, and either will be to the Inclination of all the Empire, except the Court of *Vienna*. And should the King of *Prussia* be oblig'd to *France* for the Diadem, we would have reason to repent our not being beforehand with her.

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