

7. *The French King taking upon him the Administration of the Spanish Government, contrary to the pretended Will of the late King of Spain, tho it be the best Tenure by which his Grandson holds his Crown. This is likewise contrary to all the Treaties betwixt France and Spain, wherein 'tis expressly declar'd, That the Union of the two Crowns is inconsistent with the welfare of the respective Kingdoms, and with the safety of Europe. Which is every whit as strong, or rather stronger against their being under one Administration, because it must needs be more fatal to Spain.*

8. *The great Preparations that the French King makes to interrupt our Commerce to the Straits and elsewhere, and his palpable Designs of enslaving all Europe.*

*I shall add no more, but that as it is undoubtedly against the Interest of all Christendom, that a French Prince should enjoy the Throne of Spain; It reflects a peculiar Dishonour upon England to join with France in owning a Title to that Crown by Female Descent, since the French will not allow the Right of our Kings to the Crown of France by the like Title, tho the Daughter of France who was Queen of England; never renounc'd her Right to the Succession of France, as the Infanta renounc'd hers, to the Crown of Spain.*

*I am, SIR, &c.*

*May 10. 1701.*