

war is well founded, pursued with spirit, and finished with address.

As we must engage in a war, in which nothing but the fate of arms can give either side the advantage, it naturally leads us to consider what treaties are made, what alliances formed, what forces are allotted to balance the adverse power, and with what stock of wealth, or by what judicious measures, such a war is to be supported.

A great depth of politics seems not requisite to comprehend that the skill, address, situation, attention, and cautious conduct of the king of Prussia commands the regard of every curious eye; and that without a third part of the dominions or forces of some other monarchs, seems yet to hold the scales wherein is balanced the fate of kingdoms; not by his own force, but by judiciously uniting with such powers, as without him are faint, but with him have, at least, the appearance of considerable superiority. Hence reflecting in what a singular manner the present war has commenced, a prudent man naturally concludes, that this monarch is specially engaged in the British alliance. In my own
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