

very successfully against them; all Methods were taken to separate us from our Allies; they would seem to have made us Arbiters of their Fiats; and in 1707, one of the *French* Ministers took to himself the Title of a Counsellor of *Geneva*, and under that Name gave these three important Advices. 1. That *France* was our ancient and best Friend. 2. That the House of *Austria* watch'd only for a proper Occasion to invade us. 3. That we were raising within ourselves a Power, whose Interest it is to deprive us of our Liberty, and would take all Opportunities to destroy us; that none but *France* could deliver us from the Danger, and that it concerned us, as we valued our own Safety, not to put her out of a Condition to assist us against you in Case of Need. These Suggestions, and all the rest which *France* made use of to break us off from the grand Alliance, were ineffectual; nay, they fill'd us with Indignation against those who, addressing us thus, thought us capable to abandon our Allies, for any particular Advantages that the Enemy could offer us; perceiving then, that the good Sense and Probity of the *Dutch* render'd them Proof against such Arguments, *France* turn'd them upon *England*, where they were better relished than with us, tho' for what Reason I know not.

Are you fully convinc'd of the Force of this Argument, that the true Way to reduce the exorbitant Power of *France*, is to give her all
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