

by her Adversary. Concessions made with a tolerable Grace in that delicate Conjuncture, might have easily turn'd a young Enemy into a warm Friend. A different System of Policy was embrac'd; the final Result of which was, the absolute Cession of the noblest Part of *Silesia*, with the County of *Glatz*, to the King of *Prussia*, by the several Treaties of *Breslau*, *Dresden*, and *Aix la Chapelle*.

*Europe* continued arm'd after the Conclusion of the General Peace. It was reasonable to expect that this very Circumstance should assure its Tranquillity for a Length of Time. No State would probably venture upon Hostilities, when its Rival was prepar'd for a vigorous Resistance. Yet this Expectation was blasted. Mutual Suspicion and Jealousy dictated defensive Measures, which mutual Animosity and Revenge were ready to turn into offensive Ones, upon the smallest Alteration of the political Balance. Dissensions arose between *Russia* and *Sweden*, which threatened the Repose of the North; the King of *Prussia* interfered, with a Spirit and Resolution, which the Empress of *Russia* never forgave. Commissaries met at *Paris*, on the Part of *Great Britain* and *France*, to regulate the disputed Limits of *Nova Scotia*, and wasted much Time in fruitless Conferences. The Affairs in *Germany* were, in the mean while, ripening into Confusion. The Ministers of *Vienna* and *Dresden* had not been idle; and, whilst