

indeed be confessed a very *unaccountable Alliance*; and the Merit of having *dissolv'd* it will be greatly diminish'd. Neither can We wonder at the Conduct of the *Emperor* in this Case; for how can We think it strange that He should endeavour to *defeat the Succession of Don Carlos*, by the Introduction of *Spanish Troops* into *Italy*, when *Spain* herself had concurred in *taking Steps, with that View, in the Treaty of Vienna?* — But the *Author* must have certainly been half asleep and nodding over his *Treaties*, when He let such Stuff fall from his Pen. I shall therefore consider this Affair a little farther, as if no such *egregious Blunder* had been committed.

At the Time of making the *Hanover Treaty*, the *Emperor's* Conduct, with respect to the Succession of *Don Carlos*, was not thought a sufficient Reason for violating that Part of the *Quadruple Alliance*, which related to it. The Proposition of 6000 *Spaniards*, instead of 6000 *Neutrals*, seems to have been disapproved by *England* at the Congress of *Soissons*; and never relish'd, till some short Time before it was made a Stipulation of the *Seville Treaty*; that is, some Time before the Meeting of *Parliament*, last Year. The Consent of the *Empire* was obtain'd, and the *Letters expectative* deliver'd before the Differences between the *Empire* and *Spain* were adjusted; so that the *Emperor* had made all his Engagements good; and *Spain* ought to have call'd on the *Neutral Powers*, who were to garrison the Places, at their own Expence, to perform their Engagements, as well as the *Emperor*. None of the Parties seem'd to think that there had been any affected Delay at *Vienna* in that Matter; but though the *Quadruple Treaty* says that 6000 *Neutrals* are to be

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