

sacrifice which *folly and prepossession offered to wisdom and experience* ; yet, though I do not *condemn* his conduct, I must at the same time acknowledge, that I do not *understand* it ; and I think some measures have passed under his administration, that no minister need to boast of having *guided*. When the stake for which his Prussian majesty plays upon the continent, and which he has to lose, is compared to the expence of Great Britain there, it is about a shilling to fifty pounds ; and yet Great Britain, to win that shilling, is at three times the charge he is at, that he may save his fifty pounds. But that is not all ; we furnish him with money to stake on his part. Should he gain, not a shilling of it ever can come back to us ; because he is under no obligation to refund a farthing. If he should even not only save his own, but win from others, by the help of our money, we are not intitled to a farthing of indemnification. It is true, it may be pretended, that the treaty between Great-Britain and Prussia is only defensive ; but it is as true, that his Prussian majesty was enabled, by that treaty, to conquer Saxony, and invade Bohemia. It is likewise certain, that, at the time that treaty was con-

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