

Powers of *Europe*, but particularly with Regard to *England*.

Secondly, I shall apply myself to the Examination of the present State of *Germany*, with Regard to the same Points, more especially the Balance of Power there; the Grandeur of the *Imperial* and *Electoral* Dignities; the Capacity of the *Germanic* Body to resist, or if they find it necessary to reduce the Power of *France*; and the Relation which in its present Circumstances that Country has, or may be supposed to have to *Britain*.

Lastly, I shall take Notice of the ancient and present Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Island, as well in Regard to their Properties and Commerce, as to their Interest in Respect to their Concerns on the Continent, and that great Concern of all the Balance of Power in *Europe*; with some Thoughts as to what it has cost us, what it may cost us, and what at this Juncture we may be able to expend about it.

Cluverius, who has written with great Learning and Judgment the History of the ancient *Germans*, has very fully shewn, that, all Circumstances considered, the Nation inhabiting this vast Tract of Country, made a greater Figure in those early Days, than she does now, having frequently extended her Conquests on every side, and Peopling by this means most of the Northern and Western Parts of *Europe*. The ancient *Germans* were, as all Writers agree, a Generous, Brave and Gallant People, passionately fond of Liberty, and who were content to be free, in a very indifferent Country, rather than risk being Slaves, by submitting themselves so absolutely to the Will and Direction of a single Person, as was requisite in Order to conquer a better. In Process of Time
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