

norant that, in the general Opinion of Mankind, it hath been determin'd against Those, who advance'd it. Did He never read *John Trot's* Letters upon this Subject; or, does He think that no Body else hath read them? Other Reasons may be there found for the *Troubles* of Europe, especially with Relation to *Great Britain*, than the Treaty of *Vienna*; but there is no End of repeating the same Things. I must therefore refer the Reader to those *excellent Pieces*; and shall only observe, in general, that it is far from being *allow'd* by all that the Treaty of *Vienna* was the only Source of all our *Troubles*, as this Writer asserts; or that the *Union of the two Families*, which He mentions, was ever design'd; for all the Endeavours of *France*, *England* and *Holland* have not been since able to prevail upon the *Emperor* to consent to a *Measure*, which tends most effectually, in the present Circumstances of the *two Families*, to unite them; I mean to produce a *Reunion of their Dominions*; but not in the House of *Austria*, as He supposes; for I take *Don Carlos* to be a Branch of the House of *Bourbon*; and therefore if the *Contingency*, which He mentions, should happen, and the *Marriage*, with which We have been so often threaten'd, should take Place, the Dominions of *Spain* and the *Empire* might be united in *that Family*.

The Assertion of *secret Engagements*, in the Treaty of *Vienna*, to deprive us of some of our Possessions and most valuable Privileges of Trade, is likewise repeated by this Writer; though the Course of so many Years as have pass'd since the Conclusion of *that Treaty*, and even our Reconciliation with *Spain* have not yet brought any of those Engagements to Light.—Did the Design of the *Ostend Company* proceed from the Treaty of *Vienna*;