

urge, to nip (as he for ever will do) our Success in the Bud, and blast our rising Hopes.

And what has been the Consequences with regard to the Elector of *Saxony*, whom — drove, — forced out of our Interest, made him pay severely, nay, almost reduced to Ruin, for engaging in it. At present there is great Probability of his being as closely united to *France*, as the firmest of her Friends. We do our own Business, work our own Destruction by our ill-formed Councils and mistaken Conduct, more effectually than the Enemy. Give me Leave, while I am speaking of the Elector of *Saxony*, to make up the Account more compleatly, which I was stating above; for — have not only taken the Elector of *Saxony* out of our Scale, but placed in the Enemies Scale. If we are so adroit in the Cause of our Enemies, if we have an Administration so

Inclades ingeniosa suas,

Who can wonder at our abject State? But I must not so let pass that tinsel Reason, that Mockery of common Sense, that Impotency of Understanding, by which it is pretended, that keeping the *Russians* out of the War, was the ready Way to shorten it. A most excellent Method of shortening the War, by rejecting new Allies, and rendring our old ones so weak, as not to be able to carry it on! A most notable Way of procuring Peace! How could it possibly shorten the War, but by our Acceptance of a bad Peace? If refusing to increase the Number of our Allies, was a likely and proper Means of putting an End to the War, there is still a more likely, a more proper one by throwing down our Arms, and receiving the Law from the Conqueror. I believe I need not pursue this Point any farther. I hope the Nation will agree, that the most proper Means
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