

will restore them the Freedom of Trade, highly satisfy'd to enjoy peaceably the Crown which he has obtain'd. Would to God that this Appearance was real. But tho' the earnest Desire of a Thing goes a great Way to the believing of it, yet I protest to you, I have no Notion of this. I comprehend clearly that the Monarchy of *Spain*, join'd to that of *Germany*, will form a new Monarchy, equal in Power to the two former; but I do not conceive that by this Union, the new Monarchy will become more powerful than the two were before. There are even a good many Reasons to fear the contrary. For the Cause why the Kings of *Spain* were not powerful, in Proportion to their Dominions, is, that the greatest Part of them were distant from the Places of their Residence, and oblig'd to be govern'd by Viceroys: An Inconvenience which will be doubled in the Person of a single Monarch. I am willing to believe, that after the Example of *Charles V.* he might divide his Residence, according to the Necessity, between *Germany* and *Spain*: But whatever his Prudence might dictate to him, to act in that Regard, his Dominions won't be more join'd, nor the People more rich; neither will Commerce be more flourishing, nor the Fleets increase in Number: The Revenues wont be larger, nor the Exchequer less engag'd. How then will it be more powerful! All that is said on the Subject of the Imperial