

fixty of them are such Master-pieces, that they are justly admir'd by all that see them. I don't doubt but that the House of *Austria* has as many, and more, but the Difference is, that those of *France* lie so contiguous, that they seem so many Bastions round its Continent, and the Court having its Residence fix'd in the Centre, is always near enough to dispatch Orders, and send immediately the necessary Succours; whereas those of the House of *Austria* are dispersed in *Spain*, at *Naples* in *Sicily*, in the Dutchy of *Milan*, in *Barbary*, in the *Low Countries*, in *Hungary*, in *Transylvania*, in *Carinthia*, in *Austria*, in *Bohemia*, in *Silesia*, in the *Tyrol* on the *Rhine*, and elsewhere, which in some manner bars any Communication; besides the Frontiers which are guarded by these Places are ten Times of greater Extent than those of *France*; and, which is more, are to receive their Garrisons out of two hundred thousand Men, which is the All the House of *Austria* can keep: So that it were to be wish'd, that these Places were fewer in Number.

VI. Unnecessary Expences don't at all contribute to the Greatness of Princes, but they may serve as Indexes to form a Judgment thereon. Now there never was a Prince more expensive than his Most Christian Majesty, witness the Magnificence of his Furniture, his sumptuous Palaces and Gardens; the Lead only whereof, which is hid under Ground (as  
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