

that it was a principal Inducement to court them to accept of this Crown ; I mean, the acquiring of an additional Strength in the Empire. And therefore if our acquiring, by this happy and easy Means, an additional Strength in the Empire, was so desirable ; surely the more the Electorate increases in Riches and Power, the greater Benefit must accrue to us of course, from that Increase. And it is notorious, that this has never been attempted out of the Spoils of the House of *Austria*, at the Expence of which one Elector has attempted it, and succeeded ; another attempted, but miscarried ; and miscarried, why ? through the means of the King of *England*, and Elector of *Hanover*, conjointly : for if they had not been both one and the same, the last hinted-at Elector would have succeeded as well as the first. As to the raising a Spirit of Jealousy in the Empire, every powerful Prince will be jealous of a powerful Neighbour ; and all Princes, great or small, whether in *Germany* or out of *Germany*, will pursue their Interest closely, well or ill understood.