

Enemies an Opportunity of charging her with Obstinacy for rejecting both. Alas ! Sir, what Shifts are these ? The Force of *France* and its Allies had been employed in vain to deprive her of her Dominions, and now this Stroke of Cunning was to come in, to deprive her of her Friends.

Let us consider, Sir, on the other side, what mighty Respect was paid to the Laws and Constitutions of the Empire, by the Adversary of the Queen of *Hungary*. He always declared that the Pragmatick Sanction was void, and that he considered himself as the sole Heir of the Emperor *Charles VI.* He claimed that Succession immediately on the Death of that Emperor ; he applied himself immediately to the Diet of the Empire as a Proof of knowing that he had a good Cause. He scorned all dark Intrigues, secret Treaties, but above all foreign Assistance ; and had so tender a Regard for the Repose of the Empire, that he would have chose to have lost all he had so good a Right to, rather than have called in the sworn Enemy of *Germany* to his Assistance. I really wonder, Sir, that somebody has not been found capable of asserting all this ; because it is, at least, as true, and visibly much more to the Purpose, than any thing that has been said. Yet you know, Sir, as well as I, that the Elector of *Bavaria* concealed the Nature of his Claim ; guaranteed, as well as his Brother the Elector of *Cologne*, this very Pragmatick Sanction ; even at the Death of the Emperor he was silent, till by a Confederacy shall I call it, or a Conspiracy, there was a Project formed for stripping the Heiress of the Emperor *Charles VI.* of all the Dominions, her Right to which had been in the most solemn Manner acknowledged
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