

are Questions fit to be asked. and fit to be answered; since it is most evident, that if we go on, but a very few Years, at the Rate we have done for some Years past, the Event must be fatal to us, whatever becomes of the Ballance of Power.

As I have all along made it my Business to avoid invidious Topicks, so I have been particularly careful not to enter into the present Grand Dispute, about the Expediency of employing *Hanoverian* Troops. It is very natural for Princes to have a warm Affection for their hereditary Subjects, and such as they conceive particularly bound to them by the Ties not only of Duty, but Affection. This was the Case of the Emperor *Charles V.* who preferring his Countrymen, the *Flemings*, to the highest Offices civil and military, provoked a Rebellion in *Spain*, the suppressing of which proved the Ruin of the *Spanish* Liberties. A strong Partiality in Favour of their Arch-Ducal Subjects, was no less fatal to the *German* Branch of the *Austrian* Line, for while they treated the *Hungarians* as Vassals, and the *Bohemians* as Slaves, they were in reality Masters of neither; but on the contrary, strong Instances of a certain and eternal Truth, that excessive Dominion instead of being the Source, is in reality the Bane of Power; which further appears by the mighty Stand made by the Queen of *Hungary*, not in Virtue of her Authority over the Bodies, but of her Influence over the Minds of her Subjects. Partiality of the same Nature proved very destructive to our *James I.* who was extravagantly fond of his *Scottish* Countrymen, by which he lost the Hearts of his *English* Subjects, and scattered those Seeds of Discontent, which afterwards grew up into a Harvest of Rebellion. Yet it must be allowed, that there is on the other Hand, very strong