

least, until a more considerable Succour could arrive.

As to *Russia*, I think, the Advantages derived from that Alliance, as they are greater, so I think them more easily discerned too. For could we suppose, that there is any Prince in the Empire of boundless Ambition, and who might in part satisfy that Ambition in a general Confusion; I do not know any Power so capable, by its Strength and Situation, of being a Check upon him. It is said, indeed, that all the Mischief may be done before the Troops stipulated can possibly arrive. I allow it possible, that much Mischief may be done, as in War how can it be avoided? But what is proposed, is not to prevent all Sorts of Evils, which would be an idle Undertaking; but to prevent the Designs of the Enemy from taking a lasting Effect: We cannot prevent all the Calamities incident to War; what we ought to aim at is, to guard against the last and worst. It is an idle Business, to scheme at a Distance, the Operations of possible Campaigns; but will any say, that a Force sufficient to make some Stand, in the Electoral Dominions, may not be had together, until the *Russian* Auxiliaries were transported by Sea (could no better Means of Passage be had) to his Majesties Port of *Harbourg*? And might not this be done in part, at least, as soon as ever there was a probable Appearance of a Design to disturb the Tranquility