

Low Countries; involving the Empire, thereby, in all the Disputes that afterwards happened between the *Spanish* Branch of his Family, and the *French*, about those Provinces, with which they would otherwise have had nothing to do. And in Virtue of this Guaranty, it is that Colonel *Mentzel*, in his late Manifesto, threatens to detach from the *French* Monarchy the *Franche-Comte*, and the Dutchy of *Burgundy*, as having been dismembered from the Empire; though the Reader will observe, that the placing them under the Protection of the Empire, was in Effect, a Force upon the States, and brought about entirely by the Policy and Puissance of this mighty Prince, who therein considered the Safety of his own Family, rather than the Interest of the *Germanic* Body. But as all great Oppressions of a Nation, naturally powerful, have a direct Tendency to excite their own Redress, by stirring up great Men to those Remedies, which the Nature of the Case shew can alone prove successful, so the *German* Princes, and especially the Protestants, finding themselves in Circumstances so uneasy, and fearing that the Emperor would proceed to still greater Lengths, resolved to have recourse once more to Arms. In this Enterprize they had for their Chief, that very *Maurice* Elector of *Saxony*, who became so by the Favour of the Emperor, in Prejudice of his Cousin the Elector *John Frederick*; and as *Maurice* saw the mischievous Consequences of the dilatory Conduct of the Allies of *Smalkald*, he took his Measures so secretly and successfully, that he very narrowly missed seizing the Emperor at *Inspruck*, from whence he fled away by Torch-Light. This Blow had a terrible Effect upon the Emperor's Affairs, who found himself obliged to compromise Matters with the Protestants, by the Treas-