

call uncontroverted, and therefore I must suppose uncontrovertible, reasons ; for I never saw a scrap from the house of Austria that disputed the facts of the family compacts, upon which the claim was founded. It is, therefore, infamous to insinuate, that because the interest of Prussia happened at that time to lead her to side with France, that therefore this protestant prince had only a popish king of France for his defender : the fact is false and unsupported ; and all the consideration possibly can gain by his insinuations and assertions, is what I believe no mortal is weak enough to dispute, that, amongst princes, protestantism and popery, and in fact, religion, are words that sometimes signify nothing.

But though I sincerely think, that in the cabinets of sovereigns the popish or protestant religion are words that neither have, nor ought to have, any meaning, yet I think the popish or protestant interests are terms that not only have meaning, but are of the most decisive importance to us, as men and Englishmen. Accidents, as I have already hinted, may sometimes interfere, and give a shock to the vehicle, but it must still in time return to its true and its natural position. Is there a man in  
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