

with foreign Quarrels that do not concern us, and establish a Point which concerns us very nearly, *viz.* that what we have done for the Queen of *Hungary*, and what we shall do for her, though it turns immediately to her Service, turns at the same time, as much to ours, and is, in reality, no more than we are bound to do, not only in virtue of Treaties, but out of regard to our own Safety and Preservation.

It is a Principle founded in common Sense, admitted by *Grotius*, *Puffendorf*, and all other able Writers on the Law of Nature and Nations, that all Government is founded on the Welfare of the People, that for this purpose they submit to such Constitutions as seem to them most suitable to the Attainment of that End, and that herein consists the Right of Dominion. The *Germanick* Constitution is nothing more than a Confederacy of Princes and States, which, from their entering into that Confederacy, are stiled the *Germanick* Body, for the Preservation of the respective Forms of Government under which they live, and upon which they conceive their Happiness to be founded. It is this that renders an inviolable Regard and a sincere Attachment to that Constitution, Patriotism in *Germany*. It is this that renders any Attempt, not only to overturn and destroy, but to alter or change that Constitution, Treason in *Germany*. It was a just Sense of the Expediency, and even Necessity, of having a powerful Prince at the Head of this Confederacy, capable of supporting them in their Rights. by defending their Constitution against the Incroachments of Strangers, that induced them to continue the Imperial Dignity so long in the House of *Austria*, as it is very certain that the Power of the House of *Austria*,