

his dispute with Spain happens fortunately enough for him in this respect, as it is but fair to infer that his refusal to comply with the requisition of the King of Prussia would have prevented that Monarch from co-operating very cordially with him at the Hague, in forwarding the equipment of any armament he might demand under the stipulations of the defensive Treaty.

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IF the policy of the British Minister, however, towards Holland is extremely questionable, that with respect to Sweden is most mischievous, weak, and disreputable, whether considered with a view to the principle of his engagements with her, the circumstances under which he broke them, or the manner in which his adversary has profited from his faults.

Had he been called upon, either by some pressing national necessity, or tempted by any plausible prospect of national interest, Mr. Pitt would scarcely have scrupled to proceed in the regular way, by negotiating a treaty with the
King