

risk something who will defend the Truth, and therefore I give myself no great Concern about what People may call me, in Consequence of my Writing this Pamphlet. I have studied this Point with Labour and Diligence, and I am fully satisfied, I can set it in a true Light, that is to say, I can point out that middle Path, that Road of Moderation, in which we ought to tread, if we have any Regard for ourselves, as well as for the *Germans*; by treading in which we may save ourselves, and do them good at the same Time, and out of which if we are once carried by any sort of Political Enthusiasm, we shall be certainly undone, and then who will take Care of the Ballance of Power in *Germany*, who will be solicitous for the Safety of lower *Saxony*, who will be Protectors of the *Land* of the *Elect*, when we are gone? Let them think of this who take no Care of us; let them who have such Tenderness for our half Brethren, have some Bowels for those of the whole Blood; let Common-Sense supply the Place of Natural Affection, and if not to Prudence, let us owe our Safety to Cunning at least. Now to make all this evident, and to leave no *Englishman* who will take the Pains to consider, and who has Sense enough to understand a Thing of this Nature when he has consider'd it, the very least Reason to doubt about it, I shall proceed to examine the Three following Points.

First, I shall consider the Ancient State of *Germany*, what was heretofore understood by the Ballance of Power in that Part of *Europe*, and the Concern their Neighbours had for it. The Power that the *German* Princes had in those early Days, the Uses they made of it, and in Consequence thereof the Figure they made, and the Rank they stood in, with Regard to the other

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