

During y<sup>e</sup> interregnum in y<sup>e</sup> Empire, a civil war broke out in Switzerland y<sup>e</sup>. Common People having in all y<sup>e</sup>. disputes between y<sup>e</sup>. Popes & Emp<sup>r</sup>. join'd with y<sup>e</sup>. latter, & y<sup>e</sup>. Nob. with y<sup>e</sup>. former, who were got this drove out of y<sup>e</sup>. Country, but Rodolph 1. adjust'd this affair.

In y<sup>e</sup>. Reign of Albert 1. all this Country except y<sup>e</sup>. Cantons of Uri, Schwitz, & Underwald, (call'd y<sup>e</sup>. Forest Towns) submitted to y<sup>e</sup>. H. of Austria, who order'd y<sup>e</sup>. Gov<sup>r</sup>. to use them ill; this occasion'd y<sup>e</sup>. three Cantons uniting in 1308. & calling themselves Eidgenotten which in y<sup>e</sup>. German, means Allies by Oath, but foreigners nam'd them Swiss, after one of these Cantons, they beat y<sup>e</sup>. Austrians who attack'd them in 1315. at Morgarten.

In 1337. y<sup>e</sup>. Canton of Lucerne join'd y<sup>e</sup>. other three, as did Zurich in 1351. Glaris, Zug, & Bern, soon did y<sup>e</sup>. same. They fought many battles with y<sup>e</sup>. Austrians y<sup>e</sup>. most remarkable of which was at Empach in 1396.

Friburg & Soleure also enter'd into y<sup>e</sup>. League, in 1481. & Basel, Muthausen, & Appenzel which makes y<sup>e</sup>. 13. in 1501.

In 1577. y<sup>e</sup>. Popish Cantons of Lucerne, Uri, Schwitz, Underwald, & Zug, & soon <sup>after</sup> Soleure & Friburg join'd with y<sup>e</sup>. D. of Savoy to support their Religion against y<sup>e</sup>. Pro. Cantons, who shew'd great zeal for y<sup>e</sup>. Reformation.

It is greatly to y<sup>e</sup>. Honour of y<sup>e</sup>. Swiss y<sup>t</sup>. they have preserv'd their Liberties, tho' every step has been taken to Rob them off it.

They are a very warlike nation, which makes them serve in foreign armies; there are some in y<sup>e</sup>. French, Spanish & Dutch Services, where they stay but a few years; this makes them always able to raise a great & well disciplin'd army.

They are good Neighbours, disturbing no one in his just rights & Possessions.

They have no reason to fear y<sup>e</sup>. French, who owe them to be their best Troops; yet have been much in y<sup>e</sup>. wrong, in allowing them to get y<sup>e</sup>. Franche Comte; & as to y<sup>e</sup>. H. of Austria she will always keep well with them least they should join with France.

