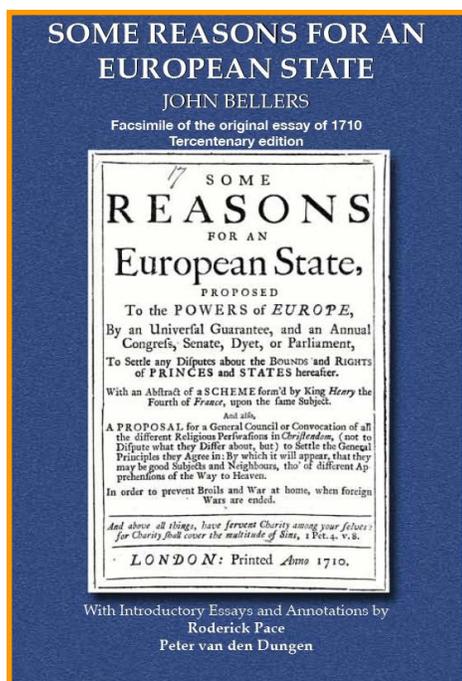




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John Bellers (1654-1725), an English Quaker and friend of William Penn, the founder of the American state of Pennsylvania, wrote many works on economic and social subjects which influenced several thinkers who came after him, particularly Karl Marx, Robert Owen of Lanark and Eduard Bernstein. *Some Reasons for an European State* is the only one of Bellers's works that treats the subject of achieving lasting peace through European unity and the establishment of a European Parliament. One of the remarkable features of this essay is Bellers's attempt to calculate the costs of war and of preparing for war—a subject which remains of great interest today.

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About this book

This book is being published on the tercentenary of John Bellers's essay Some Reasons for an European State, in which he proposes the establishment of a European Parliament, a Council of Religions and a court to arbitrate disputes in international conflicts. It includes a facsimile copy of John Bellers's original 1710 essay held in the Library of the Society of Friends, Friends House, London, while the editors supply two introductory chapters which present a concise and broad assessment of Bellers's life and the significance of his main works in the light of contemporary political challenges.