

Our Interest is so deeply concerned in the Trade of North America, that I have used my utmost Endeavours to adjust that Article in the most beneficial manner. France consents to restore to Us the whole Bay and Streights of Hudson, to deliver up the Island of Newfoundland with Placentia, and to make an absolute Cession of Annapolis, with the rest of Nova Scotia or Acadie.

The safety of our Home-Trade will be better provided for by the demolition of Dunkirk.

Our Mediterranean Trade and the British Interest and Influence in those Parts will be secur'd. by the Possession of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, with the whole Island of Minorca, which are offered to remain in my Hands.

The Trade to Spain and to the West Indies may be generally be settled, as it was in the Time of the late King of Spain, Charles the Second, and a particular Provision be made, that all Advantages, Rights or Priviledges which have been granted, or which may hereafter be granted by Spain to any other Nation, shall be in like manner granted to the Subjects of Great Britain.

But the Point which we have born in the prosecution of this War, entitling us to some Distinction in the Terms of Peace, I have insisted and obtained, that the Assiento or Contract for furnishing the Spanish West-Indies with Negroes, shall be made with us for the Term of Thirty Years, in the same manner as it has been enjoyed by the French for Ten Years past.

I have not taken upon me to determine the Interests of our Confederates, these must be adjusted in the Congress at Utrecht, where my best Endeavours shall be employ'd, as they have hitherto constantly been, to procure to every one of them all just and reasonable Satisfaction: In the mean time I think it proper to acquaint You, that France offers to make the Rhine the Barrier of the Empire, to yield Brisack, the Fort of Kehl and Landau, and to raise all the Fortresses both on the other side of the Rhine and in that River.

As to the Protestant Interest in Germany, there will be on the part of France, no Objections to the re-settling thereof, on the Foot of the Treaty of Westphalia.

The Spanish Low-Countries may go to his Imperial Majesty; the Kingdoms of Naples and Sardinia, the Dutchy of Milan, and the Places belonging to Spain on the Coast of Tuscany, may likewise be yielded by the Treaty of Peace to the Emperor.

As to the Kingdom of Sicily, though there remains no Dispute concerning the Cession of it by the Duke of Anjou, yet the Disposition thereof is not yet Determined.

The Interests of the States-General, with respect to Commerce, are agreed to, as they have been Demanded by their own Ministers, with the Exception only of some very few Species of Merchandize, and the entire Barrier as Demanded by the States in One thousand seven hundred and nine from France, except two or three Places at most.

As to these Exceptions several Expedients are proposed, and I make no Doubt but this Barrier may be so Settled, as to render that Republick perfectly Secure against any Enterprize on the Part of France, which is the Foundation of all My Engagements upon this Head with the States.

The Demands of Portugal depending on the Disposition of Spain, and that Article having been long in Dispute, it has not been yet possible to make any considerable Progress therein; but My Plenipotentiaries will now have an Opportunity to assist that King in his Pretensions.

Those of the King of Prussia are such as, I hope, will admit of little Difficulty on the Part of France; and my utmost Endeavours shall not be wanting to procure all I am able to so good an Ally,

The Difference between the Barrier demanded for the Duke of Savoy in Seventeen hundred and nine, and the Offers now made by France, is very inconsiderable: But that Prince having so signally Distinguished himself in the Service of the Common Cause, I am Endeavouring to Procure for him still farther Advantages.

France has consented, That the Elektor Palatine shall continue his present Rank among the Elektors, and remain in Possession of the Upper Palatinate.

The Elektoral Dignity is likewise Acknowledged in the House of Hanover, according to the Article inserted, at that Prince's Desire, in My Demands.

And as to the rest of the Allies, I make no Doubt of being able to Secure their several Interests.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have now Communicated to you, not only the Terms of Peace, which may, by the future Treaty, be Obtained for My Own Subjects, but likewise the Proposals of France for Satisfying Our Allies.

The former are such as I have reason to expect, to make My People some Amends for that Great and Unequal Burden which they have lain under through the whole Course of this War; and I am willing to hope, That none of Our Confederates, and especially those to whom so great Accessions of Dominion and Power are to Accrue by this Peace, will Envy Britain Her Share in the Glory and Advantage of it.

The latter are not yet so perfectly Adjusted, as a little more Time might have rendered them, but the Season of the Year making it Necessary to put an End to this Session, I Resolved no longer to defer Communicating these Matters to you.

I can make no doubt but you are all fully Perswaded, That nothing will be Neglected on my Part, in the Progress of this Negotiation, to bring the Peace to an Happy and Speedy Issue, and I Depend on your Entire Confidence in Me, and your Cheerful Concurrence with Me.

Hague, June 7. N. S. On Friday last in the Evening the Deputies of the States-General had a Conference with such of their Plenipotentiaries as were arrived here from Utrecht, and it lasted till Eleven a Clock at Night. Yesterday being the ordinary Day for the Conference of the Foreign Ministers, they met in the Chamber of Treves, where the Count de Tarouca assisted, and the same Day sent away an Express for London. Monsieur Van Welderen and Monsieur the Treasurer General Hop, who have been named by the States-General to go with a Commission to the Army, will set forwards thither to Morrow. The States of Holland still continue their Sessions, and Yesterday disposed of several Military Employments.

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