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‘ the sincerity of their intentions in this respect, that  
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‘ That they are ready to send Plenipotentiaries to  
‘ any place which shall be judged most convenient, in  
‘ order to treat, in conjunction, concerning a general  
‘ and firm peace, with those whom the Belligerent  
‘ Powers shall think proper to authorize on their side,  
‘ towards the accomplishment of so salutary an end.

‘ I certify, that the above Declaration is the same  
‘ which was dispatched to me by the Earl of Holder-  
‘ nesse and the Baron Kniphausen, in the name, and  
‘ on the part of their Britannic and Prussian Majesties.

‘ Given at the Castle of Ryswick, this 25th No-  
‘ vember 1759.

‘ Signed L. D. DE BRUNSWICK.’

This declaration made no mention either of Sweden,  
or of the King of Poland Elector of Saxony, two  
Powers who were principally interested in the war.  
France and her Allies were not aware of this proceed-  
ing of the courts of London and Berlin. They were  
obliged to wait for an answer from Peterburg, in  
order to transmit in common a counter declaration,  
which the great distance between the countries obliged  
them to defer longer than France could have wished.  
At length it was transmitted in the following terms;  
and the Courts of London and Berlin never made any  
reply to it.

## No. II.

### *Counter Declaration of His Most Christian Majesty.*

‘ **T**Heir Britannic and Prussian Majesties having  
‘ thought proper to testify, by a declaration  
‘ which was delivered on their parts at the Hague, the  
‘ 25th of November last, to the ambassadors and mi-  
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