

Nobility to the States of *Friezland*, and Curator of the University of *Franecker*; *Arnold Lemker* Burgomaster of the Town of *Dewenter*; and *John de Dreus*: All Deputies in the Assembly of the said States General, from the Provinces of *Guelderland*, *Holland* and *Westfriezland*, *Zealand*, *Utrecht*, *Friezland*, *Overyssel*, and *Groningen* and *Omland*: Who by virtue of the said Powers have agreed upon the Articles following.

1. **T**HE Peace re-established by the Treaty of *Ryswick*, between the most Serene and most mighty Prince *Lewis* the 14<sup>th</sup>, the most Christian King of *France* and *Navarr*; the most Serene and most mighty Prince *William* the 3<sup>d</sup>, King of *Great Britain*, and the States General of the United Provinces of the *Netherlands*, their Heirs and Successors, their Kingdoms, States, and Subjects, shall be firm and lasting; and their Majesties and the said States General, shall reciprocally do every thing that may contribute to the Benefit and Advantage one of the other.

2. As the chief Aim which his said most Christian Majesty, and his said Majesty of *Great Britain*, and the said States General, do propose to themselves, is the maintaining the general Tranquillity of *Europe*; they have not been able to see, without grief, how the King of *Spain's* State of Health is of late become so languishing, that there is all the Reason in the world to fear that that Prince cannot have long to live. Now altho they are not able to turn their Thoughts towards that Event without affliction, because of the true and sincere Friendship they have for him; yet they have judged it to be so much the more necessary to look forwards upon the same, because his Catholick Majesty having no Issue, the Succession coming to fall, would infallibly occasion a new War, if the most Christian King should maintain his Pretensions, or those of the Dauphin, to the whole Succession of *Spain*; if the Emperor should likewise support his Pretensions, those of the King of the *Romans*, the Arch-Duke his second Son, or his other Children; and the Elector of *Bavaria*, those of the Prince Electoral his eldest Son to the said Succession.

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