

cas d' Absence de l'un d'eux par Maladie, ou par quelque autre Cause legitime, l'autre ait le mesme pouvoir de conferer, negotier, traiter, arrester, conclure, & signer tels Traitez de Paix, Articles & Conventions qui conviendront au Bien de la Paix que Nous Nous proposons, & à l'Utilité reciproque de nos Sujets, en sorte que Nos dits Ambassadeurs Extraordinaires & Plenipotentiaires agissent en tout ce qui regarde la Negotiation avec nostre dite Soeur, avec la mesme autorité que Nous ferions & pourrions faire, si Nous étions presens en personne, encore qu' il y eût quelque chose qui requit un Mandement plus special non contenu en ces presentes. Promettant en Foy & Parole de Roy d'avoir agreable & tenir ferme & stable à toujours, accomplir, & executer ponctuellement tout ce que les dits Sieurs Marechal d'Huxelles & Mesnager, ou l'un d'entre eux dans les dits cas d' Absence ou de Maladie, auront stipulé, promis, & signé en vertu du present Pouvoir, sans jamais y contrevenir, ni permettre qu' il y soit contrevenu, pour quelque cause, ou sous quelque Pre- que ce puisse être ; Comme aussi de en faire expedier nos Lettres de Ratification en bonne forme, & de les faire delivrer pour estre échangées dans le tems dont il sera convenu par les Traitez à faire. Car tel est nostre plaisir. En temoin de quoy Nous avons fait mettre nostre Sèel a ces Presentes. Donné à Versailles le quatrieme jour de Mars, l'An de grace mil Sept cent treize, & de nostre Regne le soixante dixieme, Signé L O U I S, & sur le Reply, Par le Roy,

Colbert.

good. We will that in case of absence of one of them by Sickness, or through any other lawful Cause, the other have the same Power to confer, negotiate, treat, agree, conclude and sign such Treaties of Peace, Articles, and Conventions, as shall be agreeable to the good of the Peace which We propose to Our selves, and to the reciprocal advantage of Our Subjects, so that Our said Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries may act in all which shall belong to the Negotiation with Our said Sister, with the same Authority as We should and might do, if We were present in Person, altho' there should be something which might require a more special Order than is contained in these Presents. We promise on the Faith and Word of a King to approve, and to keep firm and lasting for ever, to fulfil and execute punctually all that the said Sieurs Marshal d' Huxelles and Mesnager, or one of them, in the said Cases of absence, or of Sickness, shall Stipulate, Promise, and Sign, by virtue of this present Power, without ever acting contrary thereto, or permitting that any thing be done to the contrary, on any Cause, or under any pretence whatsoever ; As likewise to cause Our Letters Ratifying the same to be dispatched, in good form, and to cause them to be delivered in order to be Exchanged within the time, which shall be Agreed on by the Treaties to be made. For this is Our Pleasure. In Witness whereof We have caused Our Seal to be affixed to these Presents. Given at Versailles the Fourth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord 1713. and of Our Reign the Seventieth. Signed LEWIS, and on the fold, By the King.

Colbert.