

And his majesty and the said united states having resolved in that case to join their councils and efforts against the enterprizes of their common enemy ;

The respective plenipotentiaries impowered to concert the clauses and conditions proper to fulfil the said intentions, have, after the most mature deliberation, concluded and determined on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. IF war should break out between France and Great-Britain during the continuance of the present war between the united states and England, his majesty and the said united states shall make it a common cause, and aid each other mutually with their good offices, their counsels, and their forces, according to the exigence of conjunctures, as becomes good and faithful allies.

ART. 2. The essential and direct end of the present defensive alliance is, to maintain effectually the liberty, sovereignty, and independence, absolute and unlimited, of the said united states, as well in matters of government as of commerce.

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