

II.

Quandoquidem vero Bellum, cui Finis Pace hac feliciter à Deo impositus est, ab initio susceptum, & tot per Annos, vi Summâ, immensis Sumptibus, & occisione propè infinitâ gestum fuerit, propter ingens periculum quod Libertati, Salutique totius *Europæ*, ex nimis arctâ Regnorum *Hispaniæ, Galliæque* Conjunctione, impenderet; Cumque ad evellendam ex animis hominum Sollicitudinem omnem, Suspicionemque, de istiusmodi Conjunctione, & ad firmandam Stabiliendamque Pacem ac Tranquillitatem Christiani Orbis, iusto Potentiæ Equilibrio (quod optimum & maximè Solidum mutuæ Amicitiae & duraturæ undiquaque Concordiæ fundamentum est) tam Rex Catholicus quam Rex Christianissimus, satis iustis cautelis provisum esse voluerint, ne Regna *Hispaniæ & Galliæ* unquam sub eodem Imperio veniant & uniantur, nec unquam Unus & Idem utriusque Regni Rex fiat; atque eum in finem Majestas sua Catholica, pro Se, Hæredibus & Successoribus suis, Juri, Titulo, Pretensionique omnimodæ ad Coronam *Galliæ* Solemnissime renunciaverit, Formâ & Verbis quæ sequuntur.

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But whereas the War which is so happily ended by this Peace, was at the Beginning undertaken, and was carried on for so many Years with the utmost Force, at immense Charge, and with almost infinite Slaughter, because of the great Danger which threatened the Liberty and Safety of all *Europe*, from the too close Conjunction of the Kingdoms of *Spain* and *France*. And whereas to take away all Uneasiness and Suspicion, concerning such Conjunction, out of the Minds of People, and to settle and establish the Peace and Tranquillity of Christendom by an equal Balance of Power (which is the best and most solid Foundation of a mutual Friendship, and of a Concord which will be lasting on all sides) as well the Catholick King as the most Christian King have consented, that Care should be taken by sufficient Precautions, that the Kingdoms of *Spain* and *France* should never come and be united under the same Dominion, and that one and the same Person should never become King of both Kingdoms. And to this end His Catholick Majesty has for Himself, His Heirs, and Successors, most solemnly Renounced all manner of Right, Title, and Pretension to the Crown of *France*, in the Form and Words following: