

“not ignorant of the laws, and rights of his own kingdom, nor doth expect to be taught the law of nations, by them, or their Grotius, whose ill thriving might rather teach others to disavow his positions; and his honesty called in question, by themselves, might render his learning as much suspected to them, as his person. This his majesty takes for an high point in his sovereignty, and will not have it slighted over, in any fashion whatsoever.”

“Thus, I have particulated unto you, the manner of our proceeding with them. Let them advise to seek leave from his majesty, and acknowledge in him his right, as other princes have done, and do, or it may well come to pass, that they that will needs bear all the world before them, by their *mare liberum*, may soon come to have, neither *terram*, et *solum*, nor *republicam liberam*.”

EXTRACT of a LETTER from the said AMBASSADOR, to SECRETARY NAUNTON, dated at the HAGUE, on the thirtieth of December, in the year, one thousand, six hundred, and eighteen.

“**W**HETHER the final resolution, here, will be according to his majesty’s desire, in that point, concerning the fishing upon the coasts of his three kingdoms, I cannot say; and by somewhat which fell from the prince of Orange, by way of discourse, when he took leave of me, on Monday last, at his departure, I suspect it will not, in regard the magistrates of these towns of Holland, being newly placed, and yet scarce fast in their seats, who do authorize the deputies, which come hither to the assembly of the states, in all things, they are to treat, and resolve, will not adventure, for fear of  
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