

TRANSLATION of the PRELIMINARY ARTICLES
of PEACE between HIS BRITANNICK MA-
JESTY and the MOST CHRISTIAN KING,
signed at VERSAILLES, the 20th of January, 1783.

IN the Name of the Most Holy Trinity !
The King of Great Britain and the Most
Christian King, equally animated with a de-
fire of putting an end to the calamities of a
destructive war, and of re-establishing union
and good understanding between them, as
necessary for the good of mankind in ge-
neral, as for that of their respective king-
doms, states and subjects, have named for
this purpose, viz. on the part of his Britan-
nick Majesty, Mr. Alleyn Fitzherbert, Mi-
nister Plenipotentiary of his said Majesty
the King of Great Britain; and on the part
of his Most Christian Majesty, Charles Gra-
vier Comte de Vergennes, Councillor in
all his Councils, Commander of his Orders,
Councillor of State, Minister and Secretary
of State, and of the Commands and Finan-
ces of his said Majesty, for the department
of foreign affairs; who, after having duly
communicated to each other their full pow-
ers in good form, have agreed on the follow-
ing preliminary articles: