ville—Secret discovered by capture of Laurens—Amsterdam richest city in Europe—Laurens chosen to Holland—Subsequently Adams—States General very dilatory in recognizing Independence—Three classes of Treaties—Remarks on National Law—Neutral rights badly defined—Mr. Adams concludes a Treaty, and makes Loans—Van Berckel appointed Minister to United States—Holland fell in '94—Changes in Government—Great Trade with this country—King Louis well disposed—Compelled to abdicate—Confiscation of American property.

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TREATY OF '83 WITH SWEDEN.

Sweden, only power that voluntarily offered its friendship to Congress of confederation—No applications specially made to Northern Powers in early part of war—M. de Creutz offered in '82 to make a treaty—Treaty of Paris of '83—Provisions similar to that of Netherlands—No Minister till 1813—M. de Kantzow—Jonathan Russell of Massachusetts—Demand for property confiscated at Stralsund—Relations friendly with Sweden,

CHAPTER VIII.

TREATY OF 1783 WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord North attempts a Peace—America early conquered every thing she sought—Members of Parliament see Franklin privately—Ministry, as well as Opposition, against acknowledgment of Independence—Lord Chatham speaks against it—Mediation of European courts—Unsuccessful—Austria and Russia not in favour of Independence—General Conway's resolution—Decides the question of War—New Ministry—Oswald and Grenville sent to Paris—Not officially—Failed—Shelburne's Administration—Oswald instructed to acknow-