
The Opinion of a DUTCHMAN.

NOW let us see what Opinion a *Dutchman* had of FRENCH FAITH, about the Time of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, in the Year 1713, when it was propos'd to have King *Philip* in the Possession of *Spain* and the *Indies*, which I shall extract from a Letter to a Member of the *English* Parliament.

No Peace (says the *Dutch Gentleman*) *will be honourable, safe and lasting, while the French King is in a Condition to break it.*

What can I say more forcible, more convincing, and more to our present Purpose? Shall I call you back to *Experience*, the surest, tho', at the same Time, the dearest of all Ways of Information? we have a sad Experiment of above fifty Years, which I reckon from the Peace of *Munster*; for before that Time, there was less Reason to be upon one's Guard against *France*; and that her Power, abstracted from any Alliance, was less to be feared; but consider then, I beseech you, since that famous Treaty, which, restoring Peace to the Emperor and our Republick,

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