

ments and Treaties, may prove so dangerous to the Peace of the two Crowns, as well as that of *Europe*.

With Respect to the Armament which the King is providing, the Court of *England* is capable of seeing into the Occasion of it, as the Preparations which that Court has published to all *Europe*, and in Part executed; have rendered these Precautions necessary on the Side of *France*. But his Majesty expressly declares †; *That the Preparations which are making on his Side, have nothing offensive in View, but solely the Defence of his Possessions, and the Rights of his Crown.*

N U M B. IV.

*SCHEME of a preliminary Convention, proposed by Order of his Most Christian Majesty, to the Court of London.*

**T**HE Differences which have arisen in *North-America* since the Peace signed at *Aix-la-Chapelle*, the 18th of *October* 1748, between the Subjects of their Most Christian and *Britannick* Majesties, having occasioned Hostilities on both Sides, contrary to the Intention of their Majesties, the Consequences of which it is of the utmost Importance to suppress and prevent; their Majesties moved, by the same good Disposition, to restore Tranquility to that Part of the new World, and to strengthen more and more the Friendship and good Understanding which happily subsists between them, have resolved to take, in Concert, such Measures as are most effectual and expedient for the Attainment of the good Ends they have in View. In Consequence of this, they have authorized the Ministers whose Names are under written, having invested them with the full Powers necessary for that Purpose, to agree upon the preliminary and provisional Conditions contained in the following Articles.

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† The two Kings, we see, have made the same Declaration. It is left to *Europe* to judge which of the two is sincere.

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