

your Majesty or they saw any ill use or abuse made by mal-practices, or bad faith, to the diminution of your rights, or those of your people, might annihilate the ground on which such mal-practices took their course, by declaring the truce at an end. On the contrary, if the *use of possession* granted under a truce were not misused, but if so used as to lead to treaty for peace in future: such treaty might wait events, or take place as emergent causes called it forth; might have its true digestion of negotiation, and not risque the being broken off by the determination of a definite period; or it might continue, without falling back to a revival of all the difficulties with which this business must always be entangled and perplexed.

Under such a truce granted by your Majesty, the States of America (as the Commissioners sent out from Parliament filed them) being in the possession, use, and exercise of certain powers, as Free-States *de facto* (while your Majesty quit-
 ted no claim, but remained in possession of your rights unaffected, and of your honour unimpeached) would, if the state and circumstances of Europe required their attendance at any congress, come there *as such only by virtue of the truce*
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