

Majesty and the High and Mighty Lords the States General of the *United Provinces* for their mutual Defence, does yet remain in its full Vigour ; nevertheless both his Imperial Majesty, and the said States General considering the Greatness of the common Danger which threatens all Christendom since the last *French* Invasion, and the unconstant Faith of the *French* in the observance of Treaties, have judged it necessary to strengthen the Conditions of the afore-said Treaty, and the former Union, with stricter and firmer Ties ; and at the same time to consider of more effectual Means, as well for restoring as preserving the publick Peace and Safety : And therefore the Plenipotentiaries constituted to that purpose by both Parties, viz. by his Imperial Majesty, his Counsellors of State, *Leopold William* Count of *Konigsegg* Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, &c. and *Theodore Althete Henry*, Count of *Stratman*, Chancellor of the Court ; and by the States General, *Jacob Hop* Counsellor and Recorder of the City of *Amsterdam*, and Deputy for *Holland* and *Westfriesland* in the Assembly of the States General, after the mutual Exchange of their full Powers, have covenanted and agreed in the Manner following.

I.

There shall be and remain for ever a constant perpetual and inviolable Friendship and good Correspondence between his Imperial Majesty and the States General ; and each of them shall be obliged earnestly to promote the others Interests, and as much as in them lies to prevent all Damages and Inconveniences to them.

II.

And whereas the *French* King has lately, without any lawful Cause or Pretext, attack'd, as well his Imperial Majesty as the States General, by a most grievous and most unjust War, there shall be during the same not only a Defensive, but also an Offensive Alliance between the contracting Parties, by virtue whereof they shall both of them act in a hostile manner with all their Forces by Sea and Land against the said *French* King, and such of his Allies as upon Exhortation to be used for that purpose shall refuse to separate themselves