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ANNA, Dei gratiâ, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regina, Fidei Defensor, &c. omnibus & singulis, ad quos præsentēs Literæ pervenerint, Salutem.

Quandoquidem Conventus pro Pace generali in eundem Anni proximè præteriti initio *Ultrajecti* ad Rhenum habitus, variis, præter spem & vota nostra, injectis Impedimentis ultra mensem decimum quartum productus fuerit; Jam vero, favente Dei Optimi Maximi bonitate, (qui Concordiæ amorem Partium Belligerantium mentibus fortius inspirare dignatus est) ad finem tam diu desideratum, & *Europæ* Tranquillitati Saluti-que adeo necessarium, foeliciter spectare videatur: Nos tandem accommodatis cum bono Fratre nostro Rege *Christianissimo*, nostris utrinque tam Pacis, quàm Commerciorum rationibus, quo Ministri nostri, qui Plenipotentiariorum Titulo hucusque freti, Provincia huic exornande summâ cum nostrâ Approbatione incubuerunt, majori cum splendore Operi huic maximè salutari Coronidem imponere possint. Eos amplissimo Legatorum nostrorum Extraordinariorum Characterē insignire æquum esse judicavimus. SCIATIS igitur quod nos Fide, Industria, & in Rebus magni momenti tractandis Ufu ac Perspicaciâ Reverendi admodum in Christo Patris, perquam fidelis & dilecti Consiliarii nostri, *Johannis Episcopi Bristolienfis, Privati nostri Sigilli Custodis, Decani Windesoriensis, & Nobilissimi Ordinis nostri Periscelidis Registrarii, & perquam fidelis & prædilecti Consanguinei & Con-*

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ANNE, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular to whom these pre-

sents shall come, Greeting. Whereas the Congress that was held at *Utrecht* in the beginning of the last Year, for making a General Peace, has been drawn out into length above these Fourteen Months by various Obstacles, which have been thrown in the way, contrary to Our Hopes and Wishes; But now, by the favour and goodness of Almighty God (who has been pleased to inspire the Love of Concord more strongly into the Breasts of the Parties engaged in War) it seems happily to tend towards the End so long desired, and so necessary for the Tranquillity and Welfare of *Europe*; We having at last adjusted with Our good Brother the most Christian King Our Matters on both sides, relating both to Peace and to Commerce, to the end that Our Ministers who have hitherto under the Title of Plenipotaries applied themselves, with Our highest Approbation, to the discharge of this Employment, may, with greater Splendor, put an End to this most wholesom Work, have thought fit to give them the most honourable Character of Our Ambassadors Extraordinary. Now Know ye, That We reposing especial Confidence in the Loyalty, Industry, Experience, and Sagacity in managing Matters of great Importance, of the Right Reverend Father in God Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved

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