

And Lord North's eldest son*, with several other noblemen, went and served in their cause. Her Majesty ceased not however to press the necessity of some compromise, and in 1578 sent the same Wilks to Don John of Austria, to advise him *to yield to a truce*. All was in vain. The King however, in the year 1609, did agree to a truce with them *as with a free people* †, under the guaranty of *England and France, mediators* ‡.

If any *grounds of agreement*, any preliminary terms, leading to peace, could thus be obtained, under such a truce as your Majesty might find it consonant to your honour to grant, your Memorialist most humbly proposes that such should be *indefinite*; at the will of either party, or if made under guaranty, with the consent of the guaranties, to terminate on notice given according to the law of nations and of arms: 1st, Because if it were definite it would subsist only by cabals preparing for certain war, so as to obstruct instead of open the way to peace: 2d, On the other hand, if the truce be definite, your Majesty, or (if there be guaranties) the guaranties, at any moment in which

* Cambden.

† Temple and Puffendorf.

‡ Duc de Sully.