

to have it in Charge to repel by Force of Arms any Attempts of the *French*, for making Settlements in those Parts. We engage likewise to restore whatever Places we should possess ourselves of in that expensive Expedition so lately furnish'd out for the *East-Indies*. And to shew the Artifice of the *French*, and convince the World of the Ability and Sufficiency of our Ministers, I will here take some little Retrospect of the Negotiation. The *French* propose a Cessation of Hostilities on the Footing of that of *August* the 19th 1712, and our Ministers, notwithstanding the Reproaches with which they constantly load the Authors of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, persuaded that they could not err, while they trod in the Footsteps of those great Masters, readily and with great Security close with the Proposal, without considering the Difference of Circumstances at one time and the other, which consisted principally in this, that in 1712 we had formed no Designs in the *East-Indies*, and consequently no Precaution was at that time necessary for those Parts. According to the Treaty for a Cessation of Hostilities at Sea concluded at *Paris* 1712, and adopted at *Aix* 1748. it was fixt, with

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