

languishing, that the Life of the said Prince is much feared: Tho. they cannot think upon this Event without trouble, because of the sincere and true Love they have for him; they have nevertheless thought it the more necessary to consider it, because his Catholick Majesty having no Children, the business of the Succession will infallibly raise a new War, if the most Christian King should maintain his own Pretensions, those of Monseigneur the *Dauphin*, or of his Successors, to the whole Succession of *Spain*; and if the Emperor should also make good his Pretensions, those of the King of the *Romans*, of the Arch-Duke his second Son, or of his other Children, Males or Females, unto the said Succession.

III.

And as the two Kings, and the Lords the States General, desire above all things the Conservation of the publick Peace, and to prevent a new War in *Europe*, by accommodating the Disputes and Differences which might arise upon the Subject of the said Succession, or by the Umbrage of three Estates reunited under one and the same Prince, they have thought good to take beforehand necessary measures to prevent the Evils which the sorrowful Event of the Catholick King's Death without Children might produce.

IV.

Therefore it is agreed that if it should so happen, the most Christian King, as well in his own Name, as in that of Monseigneur the *Dauphin*, his Male Children, Heirs and Successors, born or to be born; as also Monseigneur the *Dauphin* for himself, his Male Children, &c. shall hold himself satisfy'd, and do hold themselves satisfy'd by these Presents, That Monseigneur the *Dauphin* shall have for his Share in full Property and Possession, and in lieu of all his Pretensions to the Succession of *Spain*, to be enjoy'd by him, his Heirs, Successors, Descendants, Males; or, &c. for ever, without ever being molested under any pretence whatsoever in his Rights or Pretensions, directly or indirectly, either by Cession, Appeal, Revolt, or otherways, by the Emperor, the King of the *Romans*, the most Serene Arch-Duke *Charles* his Second Son, the Arch Dutches, his other Issue Male,