

Propriety. And it would be hard if on every Contest between us and *France* the real Treaty subsisting between us was only known to a few: For I set aside all Translations of a dead Language, as these are subject to various Interpretations. On which Account I own I am for concluding the Treaty both in *French* and in *English*, there being many *Englishmen* who understand the former, and many *French* who know and speak the other with Propriety.

I would not so willingly enter into any Dispute about what you suggest, as about the Justice of sending over those very Forces which had so lately agreed, neither directly nor indirectly, to bear Arms against *France*.

Whoever takes the Trouble to peruse the Memorials delivered by the *Abbe de la Ville*, and the Answers to them on that Controversy, particularly those on the Eighteenth and Twenty-first of *September*, and on the Sixth and Thirteenth of *October*, 1745, will see that a Mynheer can act the Sophister as well as Monsieur himself. The Subject of Debate was this: By the Capitulation of *Tournay* "the *Dutch* Garrison" of that Place was not to serve against the *French* "for a Year." The Treaty was signed under the Eye of the *French* King, who thought it derogatory to his Moderation and Generosity to insist upon the nicest Explanation; he contented himself with general Terms, which by the Law of Nations \* he had a better Right to construct favourably for him than the *Dutch* had to explain against him. The Garrison marched out of *Tournay*, and passed thro' the *French* Army, which was drawn up on each Side, with the King and Marshal *Saxe* at their Head. His Majesty

\* *Favorabilia latius, odiosa strictius interpretanda*. Puff. de Off. Hom. cap. xvii. lib. ix.