

effects, which may be taken in the Channel and the North Seas, after the space of twelve days, to be computed from the ratification of the present preliminary articles, shall be restored on each side. That the term shall be one month from the Channel and North Seas, as far as the Canary Islands, inclusively, whether in the Ocean or in the Mediterranean. Two months from the said Canary Islands, as far as the Equinoctial line or Equator; and lastly, five months in all other parts of the World, without any exception or any other more particular description of time and place.

23. The ratification of the present preliminary articles, shall be expedited in good and due form, and exchanged in the space of one month, or sooner if it can be done, to be computed from the day of the signature of the present articles.

In witness whereof, we, the underwritten Ministers plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty, and of his Most Christian Majesty by virtue of our respective full powers, have signed the présent preliminary articles, and have caused the seal of our arms to be put thereto.

Done at Versailles, the 20th day of January 1783.

(L. S.)

Alleyne Fitz-Herbert.

(L. S.)

Gravier de Vergennes.