

' nisters of the courts of Versailles, Vienna, and Peterf-  
 ' burg, resident with their High Mightinesses the  
 ' States General of the United Provinces, that, from a  
 ' sincere desire of contributing to the re-establishment  
 ' of public tranquillity, they were ready to send ple-  
 ' nipotentiaries to any place which should be judged  
 ' most convenient, in order to treat concerning that  
 ' important object with those whom the Belligerent  
 ' Powers should think proper to authorise on their  
 ' parts, for the accomplishment of so salutary an end.

' His Majesty the Most Christian King, her Majesty  
 ' the Empress Queen of Hungary and Bohemia, and  
 ' her Majesty the Empress of all the Russias, being  
 ' equally animated with a desire of contributing to the  
 ' re-establishment of public tranquillity, on a just and  
 ' solid footing, do declare in return,

' That his Majesty the Catholic King having been  
 ' pleased to offer his mediation with respect to the war,  
 ' which has subsisted some years between France and  
 ' England; and this war having no object in common  
 ' with that which has likewise for some years been car-  
 ' ried on by the two Empreſſes with their Allies, a-  
 ' gainſt the King of Prussia;

' His Most Christian Majesty is ready to enter into  
 ' a treaty of peace with England, so far as it regards  
 ' himself, through the good offices of his Catholic Ma-  
 ' jesty, whose mediation he accepts with pleasure.

' With respect to the war which directly concerns  
 ' his Prussian Majesty, their Majesties the Most Chri-  
 ' stian King, the Empress Queen of Hungary and Bo-  
 ' hemia, and the Empress of all the Russias, are dispo-  
 ' sed to co-operate towards the appointment of the pro-  
 ' posed congress; but as, by virtue of their treaties, they  
 ' cannot enter into any engagements relative to peace,  
 ' but in conjunction with their Allies, it will be neces-  
 ' sary, in order that they may explain themselves pre-  
 ' cisely on this subject, that their Britannic and Pruf-  
 ' sian Majesties would first be pleased to send their in-  
 ' vitation