

TREATIES of PEACE.

Between GREAT BRITAIN and FRANCE.

By the Preliminary Articles of Peace, concluded at Paris, Jan. 20, 1783, Great Britain restores to France the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, but retains Newfoundland and all the other islands thereto belonging: the French to enjoy the fisheries on the North and West coast of Newfoundland, and their right of fishing in the gulf of St. Lawrence. Great Britain shall restore to France the island of St. Lucia, and guaranty that of Tobago. France restores to Great Britain the islands of Grenada and the Grenadines, St. Vincent's, Dominica, St. Christopher's, Nevis, and Montserrat, in the West-Indies. Great Britain cedes to France the river Senegal and its dependencies, Forts St. Louis, Podor, Galam, Arguin, and Potendie, on the coast of Africa, and restores the island of Goree; and France guaranties to Great Britain Fort-James and the river Gambia, each preserving a right in the gum trade, as carried on before 1755. Great Britain restores to France her former possessions and trade on the coast of Oriza, Coromandel, and Malabar, and in Bengal, East-Indies. Great Britain also restores to France Pondicherry and Karrical, with dependencies; Mahe, and the Comptoir of Surat. Great Britain abrogates all articles relative to Dunkirk, included in treaties since the peace of Utrecht, 1713.

Between GREAT BRITAIN and SPAIN.

Great Britain to guaranty Spain in the possession of the island of Minorca, also West-Florida, and to cede to Spain the province of East-Florida, in North America. Spain restores to Great Britain the islands of Providence and the Bahamas.

Between GREAT BRITAIN and AMERICA.

Great Britain acknowledges the United States of America to be *free, sovereign, and independent States*, describing their boundaries from Nova Scotia and Canada, by the Lakes, and river Mississippi, &c. to East-Florida. No lawful impediment to be made to the recovery of all *bona fide* debts on either side. Congress to recommend to the several States their just and equitable determination and restoration of lands, debts, property, &c. confiscated or seized by acts of their Assemblies, to Loyalists and others, and that no lawful impediment be used against the recovery thereof; and that no future confiscations or prosecutions be made against persons for any part they have taken in the late war. Great Britain to withdraw her armies from America, leaving all stores, records, negroes, &c. belonging to the States. The navigation of the Mississippi to remain open to both parties; as also the Newfoundland fisheries.

The necessary provision and stipulations for the arrangement of trade, the epochs of restitution and evacuation, exchange of prisoners, armistice, recovery of debts, selling or removing effects, and mutual terms of convenience, friendship, commerce, and reciprocity, are included in the said Preliminary Articles of Peace, in due form.

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