

If the state of things, if the combination of events are, in fact, such as mark the necessity of some such General Council: If the minds and tempers of Sovereigns, whose hearts are in the hands of Providence, be in such frame as the impression of these things seems naturally to make: And if under this view of things, and in this spirit of wisdom, they should send their Commissioners or Ministers to convene in such a General Council, with powers and instructions to form some general laws and establishment on the ground of **UNIVERSAL COMMERCE**: the cardinal points which will most likely come under deliberation will be: 1st. How far, in right, and how far in policy, it may be best for All, to establish, on mutual agreement, the **MARE LIBERUM**: and how far each individual nation, (providing for the security of that peculiar property and dominion which they have, occupy, and duly hold, in local defined bays and harbours, &c. enclosed within the boundaries and coasts of their landed dominions) may accede to this establishment, as a law of nations.

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