

sions, whatever may contribute to their mutual glory, interest and advantage, without giving the least aid or assistance, directly or indirectly, to any persons whomsoever, who would willingly injure or prejudice any of the high-contracting powers whatsoever.

By the third article, the treaties of Westphalia in 1648; of Madrid in 1667, 1678 and 1679; of Ryswick in 1697; of Utrecht in 1713; of Baden in 1714; at the Hague in 1717; of the quadruple alliance at London in 1718, and the treaty of Vienna in 1738, are renewed and admitted to serve as a basis of the present treaty. By the fifth article all the parties renounce all right and claim, by what title or pretence whatsoever, to the places they mutually covenant to restore. By the ninth article his Britannic Majesty restores Cape Breton and all the conquests made by his arms in the East and West Indies; and agrees to give hostages for the faithful performance of this covenant. By the sixteenth article the Catholic King allows the assiento of negroes, and the annual ship for the south seas, to continue for four years. The seventeenth article demolishes Dunkirk on the sea side, conformable to antient treaties; and allows it to remain fortified on the land side. By the eighteenth article we have a true specimen of French prevarication; for, by leaving certain points or demands open, not regulated by the plenipotentiaries, nor inserted in the present treaty, but to be settled amicably, by commissaries nominated for that purpose, on each side, or otherwise,

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