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ANNA, Dei gratiâ, Magnæ Britannia, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Regina, Fidei Defensor, &c. Omnibus & singulis ad quos præsentēs Literæ pervenerint, Salutem.

Cum Bello huic tam diuturno, tamque exitioso reſtinguendo operam dare inſtituerimus, inter curas publicæ Tranquilitatis redintegrandæ, quas geſſimus maximas, eò animum præprimis advertimus, ut arctiſſima illa Amicitia neceſſitudinifque vincula, quæ à longiſſimo uſque tempore inter Coronas Britannicam, & Hiſpanicam, interceſſere, ſummo cum utriuſque Nationis Commodo, inter Nos & bonum Fratrem Noſtrum Philippum Quintum Hiſpaniarum Regem Catholicum, novis & quam ſimiliſſimis nexibus in perpetuum conſtringerentur. Miniſtris itaque iſdem, qui tam diu, tantoque cum Succeſſu, Concordiæ operi maxime Salutari inter Principes, Statusque Chriſtianos promovendo, conſciendoque *Ultrajeſti* ad *Rhenum* ſeſe Nomine noſtro addixerint, etiam partes hæc demandare volumus, ut tam Pacis & Amicitia, quam Navigationis & Commerciorum, inter Nos & dictum Regem Catholicum, Leges, Condiſionesque concluderent, ſignarentque. Sciatis igitur, quod Nos, Fide, Induſtriâ, & in Rebus magni momenti tractandis, Uſu ac Perſpicaciâ Reverendi admodum in Chriſto Patris, perquam fidelis, & dilecti Conſiliarii noſtri, *Johannis* Episcopi *Briſtoliensis*, Privati noſtri Sigilli Cuſtodis, Decani *Windsorienſis*, & Nobiliſſimi Ordinis noſtri Penſionarii Regiſtrarii, Et perquam fide-

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ANNE, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting.

When We had determined to endeavour to put an End to this ſo long and ſo pernicious a War, amidſt the great Cares which We took upon Us in reſtoring the Publick Tranquility, We turned Our Thoughts in the firſt place to the Renewal and Strengthening of thoſe moſt Strict Bands of Friendſhip and Correſpondence between Us and Our Good Brother *Philip* the Fifth Catholick King of *Spain*, which had ſubſiſted from the longeſt Date of Time between the *British* and *Spanish* Crowns, to the Mutual Benefit of both Nations: Wherefore We were pleaſed to appoint the ſame Miniſters, who had ſo long, and with ſo good Succeſs, applied themſelves in Our Name to promote and finiſh the moſt whoſom Work of Peace between the Chriſtian Princes and States at *Utrecht*, to Conclude and Sign Terms and Conditions, as well of Peace and Friendſhip, as of Commerce and Navigation, between Us and the ſaid Catholick King. Know ye therefore, That We reſoling very great Confidence in the Fidelity, Induſtry, and Perſpicacity, and Experience, in Treating of Affairs of the greateſt Importance, of the Right Reverend Father in God Our Right Truſty and Welbeloved Counſellor *John* Lord Biſhop of *Bristol*, Keeper of Our Privy-Seal, Dean of *Windsor*, and Register of Our moſt No-