

In either case, it well expresses the feeling which prevailed with all parties engaged in or affected by the war. The reverse (Fig. 18) shows Mercury, who bears in one hand the caduceus and an olive branch, and with the other gently strokes the mane of the lion of the Batavi,—the emblem of the Dutch,—which rests in placable mood among boxes and barrels, and other signs of prosperous trade, and upholds a staff, on which is a Liberty cap, and the clustered arrows of the United Provinces, while in the background ships are filling their sails for distant ports. The legend, DVRET VSQVE AD AETERNVM, "May it endure forever," is a prayer well in harmony with the peaceful scene:—a vain prayer, since but a short time elapsed before another war broke out, the result of which was the establishment of the independence of the American colonies,—a result which possibly excited among the English a regret that there had not been at an early date an amicable adjustment of division lines between the French and English colonies in America.



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