

Lib. J. R.
& U. S. Sir

Whitehall November 27, 1762.

It is with great Pleasure I now acquaint You, that on the 8th Instant, a Messenger arrived from the Duke of Bedford, with the Preliminary Articles of Peace, which had been Signed, on the 3^d of this Month, at Fontainebleau, by His Grace and the Plenipotentiaries of France and Spain; and another Messenger having yesterday brought the Ratifications of the said Preliminaries, which had been exchanged at Versailles, on Monday last, His Majesty was pleased immediately to order a Proclamation to be Published, declaring a Cessation of Arms, as Well by Sea and land, which I inclose, herewith, I am Commanded to signify His Majesty's Pleasure to you that you cause the same to be Published in all the Proper Places under your Government, to the end that all His Subjects there may Pay due Obedience thereto, and Strictly Observe the same,

I congratulate you most sincerely on this fortunate Issue of the King's unwearied Endeavours to put an end to the Calamities of so long and destructive a War, by restoring, as far as has depended on His Majesty the general Peace & Tranquillity.

I am with great Truth and Regard

Sir

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

Egremont.

By the King

A Proclamation,

Declaring the Cessation of Arms, as well by Sea as Land agreed upon between His Majesty, the Most Christian King, and the Catholic King, and enjoining the Observance thereof,
George R.

Whereas Preliminaries for restoring peace, were Signed at
p. 346 Fontainebleau, on the third Day of this Instant November, by the Ministers of Us, the most Christian King, and the Catholic King: And Whereas, for the putting an End to the Calamities of War, as soon and as far as many be possible, it has been agreed between Us, His most Christian Majesty, and His Catholic Majesty, as follows; that is to say,

That as soon as the Preliminaries Shall be signed and ratified, all Hostilities should cease at Sea, and at Land.

And, to prevent all Occasions of Complaints and Disputes which might arise upon Account of Ships, Merchantdizes, and other Effects, which might be taken at Sea, it has been also Mutually agreed, That the Ships, Merchandizes, and Effects, which should be taken in the Channel, and in the North Seas,