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WEDNESDAY, August 24, 1748.

AIX LA CHAPELLE, May 13:

THE Count de St. Severin, minister plenipotentiary from the court of France, gave yesterday a grand entertainment to all the plenipotentiaries, as the count de Caunitz will do this Day, which is the anniversary of the birth of her Imperial majesty, who enters now the thirty second year of her age. His excellency expects by the 19th the return of the courier dispatched to Vienna with the preliminaries, and it is generally expected that he will receive orders to sign them, and the ratification of those preliminaries at the same time.

The substance of the preliminary articles lately sign'd here, are as follows:

I. **A**LL the former treaties shall be established as the foundations of these preliminaries, and shall be renewed, except in such points as may have been alter'd by subsequent treaties, or in which they shall be alter'd by any of these articles.

II. All the conquests that have been made from the beginning of the present war, as well in Europe as in the East and West Indies, shall be restored.

III. Dunkirk shall remain fortified in the same manner as at present on the land side, but towards the sea shall be reduced to the condition stipulated by treaties.

IV. The dutches of Parma, Placentia and Guastalla, shall be left to the royal infant Don Philip, but the reversion shall be referred to the present possessor, in case either the king of the Two Sicilies shall succeed to the crown of Spain, or the infant Don Philip shall die without leaving posterity.

V. The duke of Modena shall be re-established in all his former possessions, or at least shall receive a satisfaction for whatever cannot be restored.

VI. The republic of Genoa shall be re-established in the enjoyment of all that she possessed in the year 1740.

VII. The king of Sardinia shall remain in possession of all that he had before, and of all that he acquired by cession in 1743.

VIII. The king of Great Britain is comprized in these articles, in quality of elector of Hanover, and for his electorate.

IX. The king of France and the States General shall employ their good offices to obtain from the king of Spain satisfaction for a sum of money, which his Britannic majesty, as elector of Hanover, claims from his Catholic majesty.

X. The Affiento treaty is confirmed for the number of years during which it has remained suspended.

XI. The fifth article of the treaty of London, dated August 1, 1718, relative to the succession to the throne of Great Britain, is renewed in these preliminaries, in the same manner as if it were inserted word for word.

XII. The pretension of the Elector Palatine, for satisfaction for the losses he has sustained, shall be referred to a general congress.

XIII. The king of Great Britain, the king of France, and the States General shall employ their good offices for discussing, in the congress, the differences that have arisen on the subject of the great mastership of the order of the Golden Fleece.

XIV. The Emperor shall be acknowledged in his Imperial dignity, by all those powers by whom no such acknowledgment has been hitherto made.

XV. The disputes with regard to the territory of Hanault, and the abbey of St. Huberg, &c. shall be referred to a general congress.

XVI. All hostilities between the powers at war shall cease at land in the space of six weeks, to be reckoned from the day of signing these articles, and at sea in the time mentioned in an act signed at Paris, August 19. 1712.

XVII. The restitutions, of which mention is made in the second article, shall not take place till such time as the parties interested shall have acceded to this preliminary convention.

XVIII. The cessions and specific restitutions before mentioned, as well as the establishment for Don Philip, shall be carried into execution at the same time.

XIX. All the parties interested in the present convention, shall renew the guaranty to the Pragmatick Sanction in its entire extent, except only such dominions as are already yielded, or are to be yielded in virtue of these preliminaries.

XX. The dutchy of Silesia, and county of Glatz, shall be guaranteed to the king of Prussia, by all the contracting parties.

XXI. All things that have passed in the present war shall be buried in general oblivion, and every one shall be re-established in the full possession of what he heretofore enjoyed.

XXII. All the princes any way interested in this settlement, shall be invited to accede thereto as soon as possible.

XXIII. In like manner all the princes interested in this convention, shall respectively guaranty the execution thereof.

XXIV. The ratification of these preliminaries shall be exchanged within the term of three weeks from the day of their being signed.

Done at Aix la Chapelle, April 30. 1748.

This convention was signed by the earl of Sandwich, the count de St. Severin de Arragon, the count de Bentick, the baron de Wassanaer, and m. Hasslaer.

There are some separate and particular articles, the discussion of which are referred to the general treaty.

Nimuegen, May 25. Our last advices from Aix-la-Chapelle say, that the Empress-Queen has acceded to the Preliminary Articles sign'd the 30th of last Month, and that they doubted not but the King of Sardinia would speedily do the same.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

At the Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of May, 1748,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council this Day declaring his Intention of going out of the Kingdom for a short Time, was pleased to nominate the following Persons to be Lords Justices for the Administration of the Government during his Majesty's Absence.

Thomas Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.
 Philip Lord Hardwicke, Lord Chancellor.
 Lionel Cranfield, Duke of Dorset, Lord President.
 John Earl Gower, Lord Privy Seal.
 William Duke of Devonshire, Lord Steward.
 Charles Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain.
 Charles Duke of Richmond, Master of the Horse.
 John Duke of Beauford, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

John Duke of Montagu, Master of the Ordnance.
 Arnebaldo Duke of Argyll.
 Thomas Holles Duke of Newcastle, another of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.
 Henry Earl of Pembroke, Groom of the Stole.
 John Earl of Sandwich, First Commissioner of the Admiralty.

William Earl of Harrington, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.
 Richard Viscount Cobham, And
 Henry Pelham, Esq; First Commissioner of the Treasury.
Whitehall, May 16. The King has been pleased to grant unto Philip Ludwell Grymes and John Roberts, Esqrs, the Office of Receiver General of the Revenues, Duties and Imposts in the Colony of Virginia.

The King has been pleased to appoint Charles Watson, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ships of War to be, employed at Newfoundland, &c. to be his Majesty's Governor and Commander in Chief of Newfoundland in America, the Fort and Garrison of Placentia, and all other Forts and Garrisons in that Island.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. the Lord Anson to be Admiral of the Blue Squadron, and Charles Watson, Esq; to be Rear Admiral.

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