

shall make it a common cause, and aid each other mutually with their good offices, their counsels and their forces, according to the exigence of conjunctures, as becomes good and faithful allies.

A R T I C L E II.

THE essential and direct end of the present defensive alliance is, to maintain effectually the Liberty, Sovereignty and Independence, absolute and unlimited, of the said United States, as well in matters of government as of commerce.

A R T I C L E III.

THE two contracting parties shall each on its own part, and in the manner it may judge most proper, make all the efforts in its power against their common enemy, in order to attain the end proposed.

A R T I C L E IV.

THE contracting parties agree, that in case either of them should form any particular enterprise in which the concurrence of the other may be desired, the party whose concurrence is desired, shall readily and with good faith join to act in concert for that purpose, as far as circumstances and its own particular situation will permit, and in that case, they shall regulate by a particular convention the quantity and kind of succour to be furnished, and the time and manner of its being brought into action, as well as the advantages which are to be its compensation.

A R T I C L E V.

IF the United States should think fit to attempt the reduction of the British power, remaining in the northern parts of America, or the islands of Bermudas, those countries or islands, in case of success, shall be confederated with, or dependent upon the said United States.

A R T I C L E VI.

THE Most Christian King renounces for ever the possession of the islands of Bermudas, as well as of any part of the continent of North-America, which before the treaty of Paris, in 1763, or in virtue of that treaty, were acknowledged to belong to the crown of Great-Britain, or to the United States, heretofore called British Colonies, or which are at this time, or have lately been under the power of the king and crown of Great-Britain.

A R T I C L E VII.

IF His Most Christian Majesty shall think proper to attack any of the islands situated in the Gulph of Mexico or near that Gulph, which are at present under the power of Great-Britain, all the said isles, in case of success, shall appertain to the crown of France.

A R T I C L E VIII.

NEITHER of the two parties shall conclude either truce or peace with Great-Britain, without the formal consent of the other first obtain'd; and they mutually engage not to lay down their arms, until the Independence of the United States shall have been formally or tacitly assured, by the treaty or treaties that shall terminate the war.

A R T I C L E IX.

THE contracting parties declare, that being resolved to fulfil each on its own part, the clauses and conditions of the present Treaty of Alliance, according to its own power and circumstances, there shall be no after-claim of compensation, on one side or the other, whatever may be the event of the war.

A R T I C L E X.

THE Most Christian King and the United States agree, to invite or admit other powers, who may have received injuries from England, to make common cause with them, and to accede to the present alliance, under such conditions as shall be freely agreed to, and settled between all the parties.

A R T I C L E XI.

THE two parties guarantee mutually from the present time, and for ever, against all other powers, to wit—The United States to his Most Christian Majesty the present possessions of the crown of France in America, as well as those which it may acquire by the future treaty of peace; and his Most Christian Majesty guarantees on his part to the United States, their Liberty, Sovereignty, and Independence, absolute and unlimited, as well in matters of government as commerce, and also their possessions, and the additions or conquests, that their confederation may obtain during the war, from any of the dominions now, or heretofore possessed by Great-Britain in North-America; conformable to the fifth and sixth articles above written, the whole as their possession shall be fixed and assured to the said States, at the moment of the cessation of their present war with England.