

## A R T I C L E XII.

IN order to fix more precisely the sense and application of the preceding article, the contracting parties declare, that in case of a rupture between France and England, the reciprocal guarantee declared in the said article, shall have its full force and effect; the moment such war shall break out; and if such rupture shall not take place, the mutual obligations of the said guarantee shall not commence until the moment of the cessation of the present war, between the United States and England, shall have ascertained their possessions.

## A R T I C L E XIII.

THE present Treaty shall be ratified on both sides, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in the space of six months, or sooner, if possible.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the respective Plenipotentiaries, to wit, on the part of the Most Christian King, CONRAD ALEXANDER GERARD, Royal Syndic of the city of Strasbourg and Secretary of His Majesty's Council of State. And on the part of the United States, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Deputy to the General Congress, from the State of Pennsylvania, and President of the Convention of said State; SILAS DEANE, heretofore Deputy from the State of Connecticut; and ARTHUR LEE, Counsellor at Law, have signed the above Articles both in the French and English languages; declaring nevertheless, that the present Treaty was originally composed and concluded in the French language, and they have hereunto affixed their Seals.

DONE at PARIS this sixth Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

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C. A. GERARD.

B. FRANKLIN.

SILAS DEANE.

ARTHUR LEE.

TREATY of AMITY and COMMERCE between his Most Christian Majesty Louis the sixteenth, king of France and Navarre, and the thirteen United States of America.

LOUIS, by the grace of God, king of France and Navarre, to all who shall see these presents, greeting.

THE CONGRESS of the THIRTEEN UNITED STATES of North-America, having by their Plenipotentiaries residing at Paris notified their desire to establish with Us and Our STATES a good understanding and perfect correspondence, and having for that purpose proposed to conclude with Us a Treaty of Amity and Commerce: WE having thought it Our duty to give to the said States a sensible proof of Our affection, determining Us to accept their proposals: For these causes and other good considerations Us thereunto moving, We, reposing entire confidence in the abilities and experience, zeal and fidelity for Our service, of Our dear and beloved CONRAD ALEXANDER GERARD, Royal Syndic of the city of Strasbourg, and Secretary of our Council of State, have nominated, appointed and commissioned, and by these presents signed with Our hand, do nominate, appoint and commission him Our Plenipotentiary, giving him power and special command for Us and in Our name to agree upon, conclude and sign with the Plenipotentiaries of the United States, equally furnished in due form with full powers, such Treaty, Convention and Articles of Commerce and Navigation as he shall think proper, willing, that he act with the same authority as We might or could act, if We were personally present, and even as though he had more special command than what is herein contained; promising in good faith and on the word of a King, to agree to, confirm and establish for ever, and to accomplish and execute punctually, all that Our said dear and beloved CONRAD ALEXANDER GERARD shall stipulate and sign, by virtue of the present power, without contravening it in any manner, or suffering it to be contravened for any cause, or under any pretext whatsoever; and also to ratify the same in due form, and cause Our ratification to be delivered and exchanged in the time that shall be agreed on. For such is our pleasure. In Testimony whereof We have hereunto set Our Seal. Done at Versailles, this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and the fourth year of Our reign.

(Signed,)

L O U I S.

(L. S.)

(Underneath)

By the KING.

GRAVIER de VERGENNES.

T R E A T Y of A M I T Y and C O M M E R C E.

THE MOST CHRISTIAN KING and the THIRTEEN UNITED STATES of NORTH-AMERICA, to wit, — New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia, willing to fix in an equitable and permanent manner, the rules which ought to