

ALLIANCE

Treaty signed at Paris February 6, 1778

Ratified by the Congress of the United States (Continental Congress)

May 4, 1778

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8 Stat. 6; Treaty Series 82²

TREATY OF ALLIANCE

The most Christian King and the 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, having this day concluded a Treaty of amity and commerce,³ for the reciprocal advantage of their Subjects and Citizens have thought it necessary to take into consideration the means of strengthening those engagements and of rendering them useful to the safety and tranquility of the two parties, particularly in case Great Britain in Resentment of that connection and of the good correspondence which is the object of the said Treaty, should break the Peace with France, either by direct hostilities, or by hindring her commerce and navigation, in a manner contrary to the Rights of Nations, and the Peace subsisting between the two Crowns; and his Majesty and the said United States having resolved in that Case to join their Councils and efforts against the enterprises of their common Enemy, the respective Plenipotentiaries, impower'd to concert the Clauses & conditions proper to fulfil the said Intentions, have, after the most mature Deliberation, concluded and determined on the following Articles.

ART. 1

If War should break out between France and Great Britain, during the continuance of the present War between the United States and England, his Majesty and the said United States, shall make it a common cause, and

¹ 1 Stat. 578. See footnote 1, *ante*, p. 763.

² For a detailed study of this treaty, see 2 Miller 35.

³ TS 83, *ante*, p. 763.