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Documents on Prisoners of War

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**DOCUMENT NO. 4****TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE NETHERLANDS,  
SIGNED AT MUNSTER, IN WESTPHALIA, ON 30 JANUARY 1648****SOURCE**

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**NOTE**

This was the earliest of the series of treaties entered into at Osnabruck and Munster, in Westphalia, during 1648 which brought to an end the Thirty Years' War. (See also DOCUMENT NO. 5.)

**EXTRACT**

LXIII. All prisoners of war shall be delivered up by both sides, without the payment of any ransom, and without any distinction and without exception with respect to the prisoners who served outside of the Low Countries and under other standards and flags than those of the said Sovereign States.