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## DOCUMENT NO. 5

**TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN FRANCE AND HER ALLIES AND  
THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE AND ITS ALLIES, SIGNED AT  
MUNSTER, IN WESTPHALIA, ON 24 OCTOBER 1648**

## SOURCES

1 Parry 319

1 Israel 7

## NOTE

This was the most important of the series of treaties entered into at Osnabruck and Munster, in Westphalia, during 1648, which brought to an end the Thirty Years' War and rewrote the map of Europe. (See also DOCUMENT NO. 4.)

## EXTRACT

CX. Moreover, all prisoners on the one side and the other, without any distinction of the Gown or Sword, shall be released after the manner it has been convenanted, or shall be agreed between the Generals of the Armys, with His Imperial Majesty's Approbation.