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filed the key of the Spanish West-Indies, and long deemed impregnable) under a capitulation that does honour to the spirit and humanity of the British nation.

It is with the highest pleasure we reflect upon the value and importance of this conquest, attended with the acquisition of immense riches, and an irreparable blow to the trade and naval power of Spain. A conquest, that gives additional lustre to an already glorious and successful war; and which cannot but strike terror into an enemy, not only unprovoked, but insensible to the repeated instances of your Majesty's goodwill, friendship, and moderation; and convince him, that there is no attempt how arduous soever, but what, planned and directed by the wisdom of your Majesty's councils, may, under the Divine Providence, be effected by the harmony, activity, and abilities of such commanders, and the valour, zeal and emulation of your fleets and armies, regardless of any fatigues or dangers, wherever the glory of their King and country is concerned.

May the possession of this very valuable conquest, together with other happy consequences of your Majesty's measures, thus wisely and vigorously pursued, prove the means of effectually defeating the ambitious views of your Majesty's enemies, and of for ever dissolving the late alarming compact of the house of Bourbon, calculated to destroy the commerce of your subjects, and replete with danger to the existence of your Majesty's ancient and natural ally, and to the independence of the rest of the powers of Europe.

And we beg leave humbly to assure your Majesty, that your faithful citizens of London, animated with the warmest sense of duty to your Majesty, and their country, will, with unwearied cheerfulness, contribute their utmost efforts to strengthen your Majesty's hands, until your enemies, moved by their own repeated losses and distresses, shall be disposed to listen to such