

of things, His Majesty thinks he may flatter himself that the two Courts will come to a good understanding. In this hope which he yet entertains, after explaining himself directly to the King, his Cousin, he thought proper in his wisdom to defer provoking a deliberation in the National Assembly on the official demand of the Ambassador of Spain. But as the activity with which the Court of London augments her armaments, may inspire doubts of the success of the negotiation, the King has not thought it proper to delay longer the communication of this official paper.

This Letter has therefore two objects—the first, to inform the Assembly of the propriety of augmenting our marine force—the second, to submit to their wisdom what answer should be made to the demand of the Court of Madrid.

I believe it will be superfluous to say any thing on the importance of these objects. They are so important in the eyes of the King, that he thinks he ought to invite the Assembly to authorise a Committee to confer with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and such other Members of the Council as His Majesty shall think proper to delegate. By this means the National Assembly will receive all the eclairs-cissements which may enable them to deliberate with a perfect knowledge of the subject.

(Signed)

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