

which Mr. *Stanley* had received from the Duc de *Cboiseul*, and transmitted to me, he also gave me two supplemental Memorials of a most extraordinary Nature, Copies whereof I send your Excellency inclosed, together with a Copy of my Letter to that Minister, returning the Two said Memorials, as totally inadmissible.

With regard to the Memorial relative to the Disputes between *England* and *Spain*, that Piece will best speak its own Enormity, and the extreme Offensiveness of the Matter which it contains; at the same time my Letter, by Order of the King, to M. *de Buffy*, sending back the said Memorial, will sufficiently convey to your Excellency the just Sensations which such a Paper has excited here in the Breast of every one to whom it was imparted.

It is the King's Pleasure therefore, that your Excellency should immediately communicate to M. *Wall* the above-mentioned Memorial, together with my Letter to M. *de Buffy* returning the same; and in case the *Spanish* Minister shall avow that this strange Piece has really been authorized by the Court of *Madrid*, your Excellency will remonstrate, with Energy and Firmness, the unexampled Irregularity of such a Proceeding on the Part of *Spain*, not only still in Amity with *Great Britain*, (though Discussions of Difficulty unluckily engage the Two Courts) but whose Intercourse has hitherto professed itself to be friendly, and whose declared Aims have all along seemed to point to an amicable Adjustment of the long subsisting Disputes relating to the Coasts of *Honduras*, &c. by some equitable Regulation of the Enjoyment of the Privilege of cutting Logwood by the Subjects of *Great Britain*; you will farther express with the utmost Seriousness to M. *Wall*, that nothing can equal the King's Surprise and Regret at a Transaction so unprecedented, except His Majesty's steady Purpose, and immoveable Determination, not to be diverted, by any Consideration, from that even Tenor of Conduct towards *Spain*, which His just and constant Care of His People dictates, and which His Royal Wisdom and Magnanimity have hitherto pursued.

On the one hand, then, His Majesty will by no means add Facilities for the Satisfaction of that Court, in consideration of any Intimation, on the Part of a hostile Power, of Union of Councils, or of present or future Conjunctions; nor, on the other hand, will His Majesty's Equity and Moderation cease to dispose His Royal Mind to the same reasonable Terms of Accommodation with *Spain*, with regard to such Objects, and in such Manner, as the King, excited by Inclination and determined by System, has, through the Course of this Negotiation, invariably declared himself ready to embrace.

As to the Three Points mentioned in this Memorial; First, Concerning the Restitution of Prizes made against the Flag of *Spain*, or supposed to have been taken in Violation of the Territory of that Kingdom, it suffices to say, That the Courts, here instituted to take Cognizance of all Matters of such a Nature, are always open to the Parties who think fit to seek Redress in due Course of Justice; and it is superfluous to observe, That the Ministers of His most Christian Majesty are not a Tribunal to which *Great Britain* allows an Appeal.

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