

“ comes to pass that this behaviour of the
 “ British minister has never been *mention-*
 “ *ed* in the French *memorials*, *relative* to
 “ the *disputes* in *America* ? It may be an-
 “ swered, *with truth*, that they reserve it
 “ *only* between the British minister and
 “ themselves ; lest a *public declaration* of this
 “ affair might *remove him* from the *admi-*
 “ *nistration*, and the French monarch lose
 “ an ally of greater consequence to his
 “ success, than any potentate in Europe !”

Here then we join issue : and let his cred-
 it with the public for veracity and can-
 dor, in whatever else he asserts through his
 libel, be determined by the truth or false-
 hood of the fact before us. This demand,
 gentlemen, is fair and equitable : you see
 he affirms it in the most undoubting terms,
 and remarks upon it in a language that
 not even certainty itself could warrant. But
 to the point :

On a motion made to the peers, the
 twentieth of *February*, one thousand se-
 ven hundred and fifty six, certain papers
 and letters concerning the encroachments
 of the French on his majesty's subjects in
 North America, were laid before the house.
 As their authenticity is incontrovertible, I

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