

well as valued the frequent Professions I had made, by Command from my Court, of His Majesty's Desire to adjust our mutual Differences amicably; but he perceived, the Terms on which those Disputes were sought to be accommodated, occasioned the Difficulty. The Catholick King, he said, did not think *England* would look upon the *French* Ministers as a Tribunal to which the Court of *London* would make an Appeal, nor meant it as such, when the first Article of Grievances was conveyed through that Channel. As to the Second, the Claim of the *Guipuscoahs* and *Biscayans* to fish for *Bacallao*; it was what *Spain* had always insisted upon, and never had receded from by any Treaty. And Lastly, concerning *England's* evacuating all the usurped Settlements on the Logwood Coasts, it had never been offered, but upon such Conditions as were inconsistent with the Dignity of the *Spanish* Crown to accept of; since the Court of *London* would only consent, that, previous to her sending Orders to those unjust Settlers to remove, and to cause the Fortifications to be demolished, the Catholick King should be compelled to make known to the *English*, in what Manner the Logwood was to be assured to the King's Subjects, notwithstanding the *Spanish* Monarch had repeatedly given his Royal Word, a Method should be found out for that Purpose; and that, till it was adjusted in what Manner *Great Britain* should enjoy that Privilege, the *English* Cutters of Logwood should continue, without Interruption or Molestation of any Kind, to carry on their Commerce upon the Footing they at present exercise it. His Catholick Ma-