

*Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Bristol to the Earl of Egremont, dated
Elvas in Portugal, Dec. 26, 1761. Received January 9th, 1762.*

My LORD,

I Left *Madrid* as soon as it was possible for me to get together what was necessary for a Journey in *Spain*, which is so unlike every other Country in *Europe* for Travelling. I received General *Wall's* final Answer the 10th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock at Night ; and I set out in the Morning of the 17th, with a Fever upon me, which I had had at least Ten Days ; but, as the Pains in my Stomach had diminished, I determined to begin my Journey, let what would be the Consequence of it.

The *Spanish* Minister refused letting me have an Order for Post-horses, till I reached *Badajoz*, the last Town in *Spain* ; although I asked for it, to send a Messenger to *Lisbon*, for Passports from his most Faithful Majesty, that I might not be detained upon the Frontiers of *Portugal*.

I now deliver to the Messenger *Ardouin*, those Dispatches I was preparing to send your Lordship, even before the Arrival of *Potter*, as well as the Letters, which contain the full Account of the present Rupture between *Great Britain* and *Spain* ; and I shall write to Mr. *Hay*, to cause a Packet-boat to sail directly with the Messenger, as soon as he reaches *Lisbon*.

I am, &c.

BRISTOL.

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