

forces, and at the same time fulfil his engagement with the powers of the Empire his Allies? There was a manifest contradiction in this proposition. One might suppose that England intended, by the ninth Article, that France, after having evacuated Westphalia, should be at liberty to dispatch forces into Bohemia or Saxony to the aid of the Empress Queen. But not to mention that such a march would have been as difficult as destructive to the King's army, is it probable that his Majesty, however closely he may be connected with that Princess, should abandon his possessions in Germany, conquered from his real Enemies, to march his armies at a distance from his frontiers, without any communication, send his troops to the aid of this Ally, and make war upon the King of Prussia, who is not his direct enemy!

Such nevertheless was the proposition of England. The King, in his Memorial, repeated what he had said before, that the two Crowns should equally remain at peace in Germany, as in the other parts of the world, or that England should propose some plain and honourable method to conciliate his Majesty's good faith towards his Allies, with his Majesty's desire of contributing no farther to the war in Germany.

M. de Buffly remitted the Memorial of the 9th of September to Mr. Pitt, on the 13th of the same month, and without having received any answer to that Memorial on the part of the British Court, Mr. Stanley wrote to the D. de Choiseul the following Letter, and received the Answer underneath on the same day.

No. XXX.

Mr. Stanley's Letter to the Duke de Choiseul, of the 20th September, 1761.

S I R,

I Have the honour to inform your Excellency, pursuant to the orders I received yesterday from my Court, that as the Court of France has not agreed to accept the Propositions contained in the last Answer from the British Court, the King my Master has ordered me to request a passport of you, to return to England; my Court expects also, that M. Buffly will, on his part, receive the same orders.

As the state of war has no influence over the personal sentiments of the King of England, with regard to their Most Christian Majesties, he is persuaded that they will take part in the event of his marriage, and I have letters in my hands by which he communicates that happy event to their Majesties. I have the honour to send your Excellency the copies, and I take the liberty, Sir, to consult your better intelligence, to inform myself of the most suitable manner of remitting these Letters, in pursuance of my Credentials, and according to the established custom of your Court.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Signed Stanley.

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