

the Court of *Versailles*, as the Marquis *Grimaldi* had transmitted Copies of that whole Transaction ; however from my shewing a Readiness to give that Mark of His Majesty's Confidence in the *Spanish* Ministry, *M. Wall* told me, the Catholick King was truly sensible of His Majesty's great Attention towards *Spain*, and was convinced, the Distance of *England* from hence occasioned this Court's not receiving the earliest Information from us of what was in Agitation.

I then delivered to *M. Wall* the Copy of the Memorial relating to *Spain*, desiring him to read it over, and to acquaint me whether it was Word for Word such as had been authorized from hence ; on returning it to me, his Excellency said it was *verbatim* what had been sent by Order of the Catholick King to *Versailles* ; whereupon I read your Letter to *M. de Buffy* in which the Memorial was returned, saying, It was impossible for me to give a stronger Idea of the Impression that irregular Proceeding had made in *England*, than by communicating to this Court the Manner in which such an unexampled Overture had been received, looked into, and sent back, by the King's Command.

Nothing has been omitted, on my Part, to shew what an unparalleled Proceeding this was from a King, not only in Amity with *Great Britain*, but whose Professions (notwithstanding the difficult Discussions which had so long and so unhappily subsisted between the Two Crowns) had been uniformly calculated to convince my Court, the only Aim of that of *Madrid* was amicably to