

Gentlemen would take it in extreme ill Part, if one should suppose, that their Memory and Ability failed them to so great a degree in these Transactions. But that you may be informed of what passeth here, I must tell you it is said by some that there is a Treaty of Commerce with *Spain* on the Carpet at present, while others say, this Report proceeds from Ministerial Artifice; for that, as Things of the greatest Importance in this Country are look'd upon as a nine-days Wonder only, and the Business is to weather the Storm during that Time, the Ministry for this end endeavour, by feeding the People's Expectation, and amusing them with something which remains to be done to lessen their Resentment against the present Treaty 'till they get it approved. But if there is another Treaty for the Purposes suggested in Agitation, I look on it in a very different Light, and very far from furnishing an Excuse for the Measures of our Ministry; on the contrary, it is an irrefragable Proof (if farther Proof was necessary) of what has been laid to their Charge, that they have concluded a Peace

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