

ed in that memorial, but refer to the memorial itself, and leave every one to judge, whether it does not contain apologies *becoming and satisfactory*, and such as totally efface all the insult that had been offered to us, at the same time that the conciliating manner in which it is expressed, seemed to show a desire to terminate all amicably, “ and not to provoke us at a time “ that the court of London was in the “ most exalted situation it had ever “ known *.”

I do not deny that we had reason to suspect the intentions of Spain. We certainly had; and the orders sent by Mr. Pitt to Lord Bristol, to make a proper and spirited remonstrance to the Spanish minister, with respect to the memorial delivered by Mons. de Buffy, and to demand an explicit and categorical eclclaircissement, as to the object of her naval armaments, the destination of her

* Spanish Papers, page 10, Quarto Edition.

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