

Departments of the Government, the State of Indecision was such that, on the Evening of the 23d, when, after a Conference with Count Florida Blanca, he quitted him to attend His Catholic Majesty, that Minister professed to be, and most probably was, uncertain whether the Determination, that he was to communicate to Mr. Fitz-Herbert next Morning, would be for Peace or War. It appeared that Count Florida Blanca, to whom the Adoption of the former Alternative is chiefly to be attributed, took upon himself thereby a very great Share of Personal Responsibility, as it is certain that the abovementioned Extraordinary Junta were almost unanimous in preferring an immediate Rupture, to a Compliance with the present Terms of Accommodation.

Mr. Fitz-Herbert pressed Count Florida Blanca very earnestly, on his communicating to him, on the Morning of the 24th, the Determination of His Catholic Majesty, to sign the Convention immediately; offering, for that Purpose, to defer to a future Day the mutual Communication of their Full Powers; but he said, that he could not consent to this, consistently with what he owed to his own Character, as well as to the King his Master, since
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