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Upon this information I applied to M. St. Contest, and gave him a note of it, claiming them as the King's subjects, and demanding their liberty, and the restitution of their effects, that had been unjustly taken from them.

These three persons, I find by the paper your Lordship has sent me, are of the number of those demanded of the French by Mr. Clinton, and named in M. de la Jonquiere's letter. I have wrote to a merchant at Rochelle to enquire after them, and to supply them with money, to make their journey hither, if they are not gone; that I may receive from them all the informations necessary, on my seeing M. St. Contest next Tuesday. I will represent the case to him, in obedience to his Majesty's commands, that la Jonquiere may have positive orders to desist from the unjustifiable proceedings complained of; to release any of his Majesty's subjects he may still detain in prison, and to make ample restitution of their effects. And I shall take care to shew him the absolute necessity of sending instructions to their several Governors, not to attempt any such encroachments for the future."

Another
letter on
the same
account.

Accordingly Lord Albemarle, by a letter dated the 8th of March, further writes to Lord Holderness, "That he had seen M. Rouille, delivered to him a note of the several complaints he had orders to make against M. de la Jonquiere's conduct, and told him, in general, the contents of it; insisting, for the preservation of a good under-

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