

me, thrt, with regard to their Destination, some were frequently going backwards and forwards between this Kingdom and *Naples*; others were intendad to convoy the homeward, or outward bound *Flotas*, *Assogues*, or *Register Ships*; and the remaining ones were to serve as a Check upon the *Barbary* Corsairs, and to defend their Coasts, or smaller Vessels, from Insults. And in relation to the Third Question, his Catholick Majesty's Disposition and Professions had invariably been the same, and were ever meant to cement and cultivate the Friendship so happily subsisting between our Two Courts.

I hope, Sir, it will be found I have minutely obeyed every Command I have been honoured with from His Majesty. I am but too conscious of the unreasonable, and (I apprehend) tiresome Length of this Dispatch, which, on account of my frequent Interviews with the *Spanish* Minister, and from my unfeigned Zeal for the Service of my Gracious Royal Master, has insensibly led me on to be as particular as it was possible on so interesting a Subject, and in so critical a Conjunction. I wish this Narration had proved a more satisfactory one; yet, when the Stile of General *Wall's* inclosed Paper is compared with that which was given to me last *January*, I hope it will appear there is less Peevishness at present here, than what was so strongly exhibited some Months ago. The strong Avowal of a most intimate Cordiality between *Spain* and *France*, contained in this last Production of the *Spanish* Secretary of State's, has hurt me. I could not avoid acquainting his Excellency, that it seemed calculated