

vereign, in consideration of any Intimation from a Power at War, or the Threatenings of an Enemy, the Catholick King could not but applaud those Sentiments in His Majesty, which he felt so strongly within himself; adding, it was certain the Court of *London* was at Liberty to reject any Proposals coming from the *French* Ministry, yet that could not in any way influence the King of *Spain's* communicating whatever Measures he thought conducive to his Interests, to the most Christian King, his Catholick Majesty's Friend, Ally, and near Relation.

M. *Wall* pursued his Discourse, by acquainting me with *France's* having spontaneously offered to the Catholick King, (in case the Disputes of *Great Britain* and *Spain* should, at any Time hereafter, occasion a Rupture between our Two Courts) to unite her forces with those of *Spain*, to prevent the *English* Encroachments in *America* upon his Catholick Majesty's Territory: An Offer which the *Spanish* Monarch had received with that Cordiality which was due to a Friend, who was determined even to involve herself in a fresh War, in order to defend *Spain*.

General *Wall* then asked me, Whether it was possible to be imagined in *England*, the Catholick King was seeking to provoke us; especially at a Time that the Court of *London* was in the most flourishing and most exalted Situation it had ever known, occasioned by the greatest Series of Prosperities that any single Nation had ever met with? And he assured me, the Catholick King, both before and at present, esteemed as