

tions to maintain and cultivate Friendship and good Correspondence with *Great Britain*: And this Measure is become the more highly necessary, as the Emissaries and Partizans of *France* here are not a little active in endeavouring to infuse, particularly into People's Minds in the City, for Purposes too obvious to mention, that a Rupture with *Spain*, in Conjunction with *France*, is approaching.

Although in the Course of this Instruction to your Excellency, I could not, with such an insolent Memorial from *France* before me, but proceed on the Supposition, that, insidious as that Court is, she could not dare to commit in such a Manner the Name of his Catholick Majesty, without being authorized thereto; I must not, however, conceal from your Excellency, that it is thought possible here that the Court of *France*, though not wholly unauthorized, may, with her usual Artifice in Negotiation, have put much Exaggeration into this Matter; and in Case, upon entering into Remonstrance on this Affair, you shall perceive a Disposition in M. *Wall* to explain away and disavow the Authorization of *Spain* to this offensive Transaction of *France*, and to come to categorical and satisfactory Declarations relatively to the final Intentions of *Spain*, your Excellency will, with Readiness and your usual Address, adapt yourself to so desirable a Circumstance, and will open to the Court of *Madrid* as handsome a Retreat as may be, in Case you perceive from the *Spanish* Minister that they sincerely wish to find one, and to remove, by an effectual Satisfaction, the unfavourable Impressions which this Memorial

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