

be in a great measure exclusively in our possession. Senegal was retained upon that principle, as commanding the navigation and commerce of the river and coast from whence those articles were principally procured. Mr. Pitt, whom your Lordship affects to admire and imitate, esteemed the acquisition of that branch of trade as a most solid and permanent benefit to this country; but this, like so many other commercial sources of wealth, you have thought proper to sacrifice; and in return for Goree and Senegal yielded to France, we are to esteem ourselves fortunate, that the Most Christian King guarantees to us "the possession of Fort James, " and of the River Gambia."

If there was one article of this degrading treaty which I should incline to approve and applaud, it would be the cession of Minorca; and had any equivalent been made by Spain for her keeping possession of that island and both the Floridas, I would have been among the first to justify your policy in this instance. But Spain in the present treaty only receives, without conceding any thing in return; for it would be to insult us, my Lord, to talk of
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