

ances to be entered upon between him and us, as also with Russia ; and moreover, that the court here was interfering in a mediation between France and England, he had already received from elsewhere ; and consequently, that they deserved so much the greater attention, and required to be contradicted, of which care should be taken, by sending orders for that purpose to the ministers of the empress-queen at the courts of Europe. I have been likewise told by this chancellor of state, that there were advices, as if the king of Prussia had a notion of surprizing the town of Stralsund, in Swedish Pomerania ; and that in all likelihood, should this prove true, it must have been in consequence of the plot lately discovered at Stockholm.

Should your excellency have an opportunity of making any insinuations with safety to the court of London, it were perhaps doing it a piece of service to give it intimations of its dangerous situation, into which it has been betrayed by the bad councils of those who enjoy at present the greatest degree of credit there.

This court will find it a difficult task to get out of the perplexed situation into which it has precipitated itself ; and if it does not renounce the alliance of the king of Prussia,  
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