

Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Bristol to
the Earl of Egremont, dated Elvas in
Portugal, Dec. 26, 1761. Received Ja-
nuary 9 1762.

My Lord,

I Left *Madrid* as soon as it was possible for me
to get together what was necessary for a Jour-
ney in *Spain*, which is so unlike every other
Country in *Europe* for Travelling. I received
General *Wall's* final Answer the 10th Instant,
at Eleven o'Clock at Night; and I set out in
the Morning of the 17th, with a Fever upon
me, which I had had at least Ten Days; but
as the Pains in my Stomach had diminished, I
determined to begin my Journey, let what
would be the Consequence of it.

The *Spanish* Minister refused letting me have
an Order for Post-horses, till I reached *Badajoz*,
the last Town in *Spain*; although I asked for it,
to send a Messenger to *Lisbon*, for Passports
from his most Faithful Majesty, that I might
not be detained upon the Frontiers of *Portugal*.

I now deliver to the Messenger *Ardouin*, those
Dispatches I was preparing to send your Lord-
ship, even before the Arrival of *Potter*, as well
as the Letters which contain the full Account of
the present Rupture between *Great Britain* and
Spain;