

INTRODUCTION.

THE extraordinary and unexpected Turn of political Affairs since the Close of the Year 1760, makes it necessary to prefix a short Preface to this second Part. A Congress having been appointed, with the Consent of all the Powers concern'd, to be held at *Augsburg*, for terminating the War in *Germany*, and for re-establishing a General Peace; *Great Britain* and *France* agreed to discuss their particular Interests in a distinct and separate Negotiation. The Duke *de Choiseul's* Letter to Mr. *Pitt*, and the *French King's* Memorial, both of the 26th of *March* 1761, carried all the Appearance of Candor and Sincerity. A Counter-Letter and Memorial were return'd, on the Part of *Great Britain*, upon the 8th of *April*. In the latter End of *May*, M. *Bussy* arriv'd at *London*, and Mr. *Stanley* at *Marly*, with plenipotentiary Powers from their respective Courts. In the Course of the Negotiation, the Difficulties seem'd to be reduced to three Points. First, A Recompence for the Captures made upon the *French* Merchants before the Declaration of War; 2dly, The Restitution of *Wesel* and *Gueldres*, with the Territories

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