

“ discontented colony, threatened with the most dreadful calamities ; you preferred public tranquility : but the bulk of the inhabitants and merchants apply to you for justice.

“ Let us now proceed to an accurate and scrupulous examination of the grievances, complaints, and imputations contained in the representations of the inhabitants and merchants. What sad and dismal pictures do the said representations bring before your eyes ! The scourges of the last war, a suspension to this day of the payment of seven millions of paper-money of the king's, laid down to supply the calls of the service, and received with confidence by the merchants and inhabitants, had obstructed the ease and facility of the circulation, but the activity and industry of the planter and French merchants had almost got the better of all difficulties. The most remote corners of the possessions of the savages had been discovered, the fur trade had been carried to its highest perfection, the new culture of cotton adopted, these, joined to the indigoes and tobaccos, secured cargoes to those who were concerned in fitting out ships. His catholic majesty's commissioner had promised a free trade for ten years, that period being sufficient for every subject of France attached to his sovereign the king. The tobaccos of this colony prohibited in Spain, or those of the Havannah, are the only ones allowed : the woods (a considerable branch of the income of the inhabitants) being useless to Spain, furnished in this article by its plantations, and the indigo being inferior to that of Guatimala, which supplies more than requisite to the manufactures of Spain, these circumstances ruined the returns of the commodities of the inhabitants of this colony to Spain, and delivered up the said inhabitants a prey to the most dreadful misery. His catholic majesty's commissioner had publicly proved the impossibility of this country's trading with Spain : all patronage, favour, encouragement, were every day promised the inhabitant ; the title of protector was decreed to Mr. Ulloa ;

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“ sincerity