

King's Dignity, if any further Mention was made of such Ideas : This I informed M. *Wall* was the energick Language that had been held to the *French* Minister at *London* ; and that my Orders were, to remonstrate with his Excellency on the unprecedented Conduct of *Spain* in conveying, at such a Conjuncture, through such a Channel, and in such Terms, her Sentiments to *Great Britain*. But I was commanded, whilst I expressed His Majesty's Surprize at so unheard-of a Transa^ction, equally to make known the King's Regret to find the Court of *Madrid* had taken such a Step ; yet His eminent Virtues would not permit even these Considerations, or these Motives, in any way to divert His unalterable Resolution of adhering to the steady Purpose and uniform Conduct His Royal Wisdom had hitherto observed towards *Spain*.

I repeatedly enforced how strong my Instructions were, to convince this Court it was not to be expected or imagined, that the Intimations of a hostile Prince, or any Insinuations of a Combination of Forces or Union of Interests between *Spain* and *France*, would in the least facilitate the Satisfaction which was asked from hence in relation to our Differences in *America*. But the same Magnanimity that dictated to the King these Sentiments, prescribed also to His Majesty's Equity the following Determination, which was the constant Language I had invariably