

same time he always nourished some hopes. He says in one letter, that he had long observed the jealousy of Spain at our successes. He kept a steady eye upon all their motions, and gave us exact information of them. At the same time, his high opinion of Mr. Wall's sincerity and inclination towards England, made him always flatter himself that a rupture might be avoided. And indeed, if we may judge from Mr. Wall's behaviour during Lord Bristol's conference with him on the 6th of December, the refusal of the satisfaction we asked was not owing to him : on the contrary, he *hoped* to bring such an answer to the demands of England, as might settle every thing in an amicable way.

“ \* Let me next remark (says the observer)  
 “ how dextrous the new ministry were in  
 “ deceiving themselves. He observes, that

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