

any more Cost or Charges on her Account. On these Effects of his Majesty's Bounty will depend many other Advantages in Favour of his Royal Highness, provide he expresses himself but willing to lay hold on these Offers in the Answer he shall order to this Letter. But in case of Non-compliance, I assure you, his Majesty will be so far incensed to see his kind Proffers slighted, that his Royal Highness must expect no more Favour, but to be treated as an obstinate Enemy, although it should be never so prejudicial to the King. I am persuaded that his Royal Highness will make such due Reflections on this Affair as the Importance of it, in respect to his own Interest requires. I am, &c.

Monsieur St. Thomas his Answer. Dated the 3d of July, 1696.

HIS Royal Highness is as well disposed as you could wish, to lay hold on the generous Offers, of his Majesty, which you propose in the Letter you did me the Honour to write to me, on the 29th of the last Month. But as he must acquaint his Allies with the Contents of it, he cannot reasonably expect their Answers (at least that from Spain) in less than Six Weeks, unless you will be pleased to send Passports for Two Couriers, the one to be dispatcht by his Royal Highness, the other by the Marquis de Leganez, to go through France; During their going and returning, and while we wait for the Answers they shall bring, his Royal Highness will keep the Forces of the Allies and his

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