

*Translation of a Letter from Mr. Secretary
Pitt to M. de Buffly.*

Whitehall, July 24, 1761.

Sir,

HAVING explained myself, in our Conversation of Yesterday, on certain Engagements of *France* with *Spain*, concerning the Discussions between this last Crown and *Great Britain*, the which your Court did not, till this Moment, announce to us had been taken before their first Proposals were made here for the particular Peace of the two Crowns; and as you desired, for the greater Exactness, to take a Note of what passed between us on so weighty a Subject; I renew to you, Sir, by Order of the King, Word for Word, the same Declaration which I made to you Yesterday; and apprizing you again of the King's most sincere Sentiments of Friendship and real Consideration towards His Catholick Majesty in every Thing that is reasonable and just, I am again most plainly to declare to you, in the Name of His Majesty, That He will not suffer the Disputes with *Spain* to be mixed in any Shape whatsoever with the Negotiation of the Peace of the two Crowns; to which I am to add, that it will be even considered as offensive to the Dignity of the King, and not compatible with the Good Faith of the Negotiation, to make further Mention of such an Idea.

Moreover, it is not understood that *France* has, at any Time, a Right to intermeddle in like Discussions between *Great Britain* and *Spain*.