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Copy of the MEMORIAL presented the 26th of March, 1777, to the King of Great Britain, by Count Waldern, Envoy of the States General of the United Provinces.

S I R E;

IT is with the most profound respect that the underwritten Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of their High Mightinesses, in consequence of the orders which he has just received, has the honour of representing to your Majesty, that the memorial presented by his Ambassador on the 21st of last month has sensibly affected them, and that they find themselves obliged to bear the complaints and reproaches contained therein, as if their High Mightinesses were suspected of wishing to amuse your Majesty by friendly assurances, to which facts give the lie. They are likewise affected by the menacing tone which reigns throughout the memorial, and which appears to their High Mightinesses too little consonant with what is received, and ought to have place between sovereigns and independent powers, and more especially between neighbours, who have been so long united by the ties of harmony and friendship.

Their High Mightinesses think that on all occasions, and particularly in these unhappy troubles of your Majesty's American colonies, they have done towards your Majesty all that could be expected of a good neighbour and a friendly affectionate power.

As their High Mightinesses, Sire, set the greatest value upon your Majesty's friendship, they wish to do every thing in their power, as far as is consistent with the dignity and honour of the state, to cultivate it more and more; but, at the same time, they cannot conceal from your Majesty the painful sensations which this memorial has caused them.

It is entirely from the motive of shewing your Majesty every possible attention, and to prove that their High Mightinesses wish to neglect nothing that may conduce to the investigation of the truth of facts, upon which the complaints seem to be founded. That they have resolved to make this examination in the most expeditious manner, and to clear it from all tediousness and delay. For this purpose their High Mightinesses have set aside the ordinary form, always used in similar cases, of asking for a written state of the case from their officers, and persons employed by them and their colonies; and they have already despatched their orders that the commandant of St. Eustatia appear before them without delay, and as speedily as possible, to give the necessary informations of all that has passed in the island of St. Eustatia, and of what is come to their knowledge relative to the American colonies and their vessels during his command; and to lay before their High Mightinesses his conduct in this respect.

The underwritten is ordered to acquaint your Majesty of this resolution, and to declare that their High Mightinesses make no difficulty to disavow, in the most express terms, every act or mark of honour that may have been given by their officers and persons in their service to the vessels of your Majesty's colonies, or that they may give hereafter, as far as such acts or marks of honour may be of a nature from whence it may be concluded that the independence and sovereignty of the said colonies are in the least acknowledged.

The underwritten is farther charged to acquaint your Majesty, that their High Mightinesses have given orders in consequence to the governors and commandants of their colonies in the West Indies, and have again enjoined them, in the strongest terms, to observe strictly their placarts and orders against the exportation of military stores to your Majesty's American colonies, and to have these orders executed with all possible rigour.

Lord Suffolk's answer to the foregoing letter of Count Waldern.

S I R,

London, April 10, 1777.

THE King having taken cognizance of the memorial which you addressed to his Majesty the 26th of last month, in consequence of the orders that you had received from their High Mightinesses, orders me to assure you that his Majesty accepts it with satisfaction; at the same time, that he cannot perceive

that the memorial presented by his ambassador to the States General of the United Provinces, the 1st of February, contained any thing contrary to what ought to have place between sovereigns and independent powers. In the serious circumstances in question, his Majesty has felt the affair which made the principal subject of his complaint the more sensibly, as it was occasioned by the indecent proceedings of a governor in the service of a neighbour that has been so long united with his Majesty by the ties of harmony and mutual friendship. His Majesty has learned, with pleasure, that their High Mightinesses have fulfilled his expectations; that they have recalled their governor; that the insult is disavowed, and that orders are despatched to the governors and commandants in the colonies of their High Mightinesses in the West Indies to observe strictly the placarts and orders against the exportation of military stores to his Majesty's American colonies now in rebellion; and being persuaded that their High Mightinesses will attend to the strict execution of their ordinances, takes pleasure in putting an end to all subjects of regret, which the consequences of the offensive conduct of the governor of St. Eustatia may have caused them. I have the honour to be, with the most perfect consideration, Sir, &c.

S U F F O L K.

W A R S A W, April 23.

SOME letters from the frontiers of Turkey mention, that although it was hoped that the differences between the Porte and Russia would have been amicably settled, yet by the preparations it appeared as if they should not long enjoy peace. A quadruple alliance is much talked of, by virtue of which the King of Sweden is to cede Swedish Pomerania to the King of Prussia, who in return is to cede that part of Finland which he possesses to Sweden.

L O N D O N, May 15.

It is expected that the Emperor of Germany will arrive here before the 4th of next month, and we hear will be attended by the Counts de Provence and d'Artois, incog.

Letters from Spain announce great changes in the political system. They assure, as a certain fact, that his Catholic Majesty is going to marry the Princess Maria Frances Antometta, Infanta of Portugal; his niece, aged 41 years the 7th of October next; that the courts of Madrid and Lisbon being reconciled, the latter is to enter into the grand alliance that is to be concluded between France, the House of Austria, and Spain; and that it is in conformity to this project that the court of Spain has despatched several packet boats to Don Cevallos, with repeated orders to suspend all hostilities against Portugal and its possessions in America; but that, however, preparations for war are continued with the same activity all over the Spanish dominions.

It is reported, as an indisputable fact, that Portugal has entered into the family compact, and in consequence thereof has made her peace with Spain.

Sir George Howard's regiment of dragoons, which were reviewed by his Majesty on Monday last, upon Blackheath, are marched into Kent, and ordered to be in readiness to embark for America.

At a court of common council held yesterday at Guildhall, at which were present the Lord Mayor, Aldermen Bull, Sawbridge, Lewes, Plomer, Newnham, Lee, and Woolridge, the following resolutions were entered into, viz.

Resolved, That the speech made by the Right Honourable Sir Fletcher Norton, Speaker of the House of Commons, on the 7th inst. be entered in the journals of this court.

That the freedom of this city be presented to the Right Hon. Sir Fletcher Norton, Speaker of the Right Hon. House of Commons, for having declared, in manly terms, the real state of the nation to his Majesty on the throne, when he presented to him, for his royal assent, the bill, intituled, *An act for the better support of his Majesty's household, and of the honour and dignity of the crown of Great Britain.*