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From the **CERTESSANT'S** Memorials for **France**, 1746. **LETTER** writte by **M. D'Argenson**, *Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*, from the **French** *Camp* at **Bouchain**; **Brabant**, to **M. Van Hoor**, the **Dutch** *Ambassador*, dated **May 26**, 1746.

THE King has order'd me to write to your excellency concerning the situation of prince **Edward** and his adherents, since the advantage gained over them by the *English* troops, the 27th of last month. All *Europe* knows the ties of parentage which subsist between him and prince **Edward**. Moreover this young prince is endow'd with all the qualifications which might engage those powers to interest themselves in favour, who esteem true courage; and the king of *England* self too just and impartial a judge of true merit, not to set aside upon it even in an enemy. The character of the *Britannion* in general cannot, likewise, but inspire all *Englishmen* with the same sentiments of admiration, for a country man distinguished by his talents and heroic virtues. All these reasons ought naturally to favour the state of prince **Edward**; and at the same time we may expect from the moderation and clemency of the king of *England* that he will not suffer those persons to be prosecuted with chauntin rigor, who a time of trouble and confusion, followed the standard which is rarely overthrow'd by the *British* Arms, under the command of the duke of *Cumberland*. As for the *English* who have been guilty of these, or as in the first motions of a revolution, he is not so much to be censured, as in a more considerable time, the king thinks proper, as far as in him lies, prevent the dangerous effects of any troops which are taken by his *Britannic* majesty might take upon this occasion.

With this just view, Sir, that the king has order'd me to let your excellency to write to the *English* ministry, and to represent in the strongest manner, the inconveniences which will probably result from any violent proceedings against prince **Edward**. The rights, prerogatives, and the particular interests which his majesty takes in respect to that prince, are those which will probably make some impression upon the course of his proceedings; and his majesty hopes to find none but noble and generous proceedings from the king of *England* and the *English* nation, that all those who are concern'd in the interest of his majesty, will likewise have reason to extend the generosity and clemency of his *Britannic* majesty. It is contrary to all expectations, any attempts should be made, either with respect to the liberty of *Prussia*, or the life of his friends and passants, or to foresee the loss of any army, and a fury might prove one dreadful consequence of such rigour; and how many innocent people before the end of the war, might be victims to a violence which could be avoid'd. It is more capable than you are, Sir, to suggest to your excellency, and your love of peace, will suggest to you, that you have upon this important subject

Your excellency must be sensible, that there is not a moment to be delayed in writing to the ministers of the king of *England*; and I hope you will do me the favour to communicate to me the answer you receive from them, that I may give an account of it to the king; that he may take such resolutions upon this occasion, as his majesty shall think suitable to the honour and dignity of his crown. He sincerely wishes that the king of *England* may give him more but examples of humanity and greatness of soul.

This Letter was preceded in the Daily Gazetteer by the ensuing REMARKS.

THE *French* kings, by the indulgence and inattention of their neighbours, are at last grown to that height of insolence, as, in imitation of the old *Romans*, tho' without their power, to affect dictating to all the powers of *Europe*, and without the least regard to right or wrong, to equity, or even common sense, take upon themselves to direct those with whom they are at war; how they shall behave to their own subjects, taken in actual rebellion; to put the war between the two nations, and the operations thereof, on a footing with rebellion; and to threaten a prince and his people with destruction, who may if they please, and I hope ever will, be their masters, and always look down on *Frenchmen* with a contempt due to slaves. I need not tell my reader, that the reasoning in this letter, is as silly as the law of it is false. It is a true *French* production; and I hope that the insolence contained in it, will lay the foundation of that destruction and misery to themselves, which they threaten others with. What the busy *Mr. Van Hoor* has to do to interfere in this matter at all, would puzzle a man of common sense to comprehend.

A nation that once submits to be bullied by another, from that instant loses its reputation; and in gradually falling into contempt and slavery. And here is a test, for which, I dare say, there is not an *Englishman* born, who is not a rebel in his heart, that would not sacrifice his last drop of blood to support the dignity of the crown, and reputation of that people. It is not in his right a question, whether we wish his majesty to be respectful or not, which he shall be commanded to be so by a king or slaves; who reasons without reason, and threatens with out power; who thinks he is talking to the *Dutch* royal prince's round him, who sawn at his feet, and trampled at his arbitrary nod; who make a god of a loggerhead, and worship a graven image. To such as these a *French* King may give law; but the minute it is submitted to here, we must date the era of our becoming slaves and *Frenchmen*.

I would not, by these warm remarks, be understood to presume the limiting his *French* money, or to coin any more money with any kind of care to render the unhappy more miserable. But this will seem to have too much regard to their neighbourhood and reputation, than if the *French* do begin the kind of war, not to end it so long as there is a *Frenchman* living; that the whole name and nation be blotted out of the annals of time; and their infamy be heard of no more. I cast not the blame, and author of this infernal wickedness be rooted out of the earth, and the very memory of the race of *French* be buried in eternal oblivion.