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FROM THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

LETTER from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle to M. Van Hoey.

SIR, Whitehall, June 3, 1746.

Did not receive 'til the day before yesterday the letter which your excellency was pleased to honour me with, dated the 3d Instant, N. S. inclosing one which the marquis d'Argenton had wrote to you of the 26th of May.

I laid it immediately before the king, who was in the greatest astonishment at the contents of that letter, which, as well in what relates to the subject of it, as to the manner of treating it, is so contrary to his majesty's honour, and to the dignity of his crown, that his majesty cannot but consider himself as too much offended by it to make any answer to it.

You know, sir, (and so do the French ministers,) with how scrupulous an exactness his majesty has, on his part, executed the cartel agreed on between him and the most christian king, to its utmost extent, even to the releasing on their parole all officers in the French service, who were made prisoners within the limits of these kingdoms, and who were not his majesty's natural-born subjects, altho' the service on which they were then employed, might very justly have excused his majesty from it.

It is impossible, after this, to doubt of his majesty's sincere desire to do every thing, which the law of nations can require between powers engaged in war with each other; even beyond what is usually practised: But as to what relates to his majesty's subjects, neither the law of nations, the cartels, nor the justice or example of any country, authorize any foreign power at war with his majesty, to intrude themselves, or to make demand from his majesty, relating thereto. The most christian king knows too well himself the right inherent in every sovereign, to imagine that his majesty can think otherwise. I cannot conceal from your excellency his majesty's surprize, and the ambassador of a power so strictly united with, and so essentially interested in every thing that concerns the honour and security of his majesty's person and government, to demand himself with transmitting to his majesty so unheard of a charge. And I am very sorry, sir, to be obliged to acquaint you, that his majesty could not avoid complaining of it to his high mightinesses the States General, your masters.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

has ventured to take towards my court, and of the king's just displeasure thereat.

His majesty is astonished to the highest degree, to see an ambassador from your high mightinesses forget his character and belye the professions of his masters, so as to assist, at the request of a power at open war with Great-Britain, by his ministry, to transmit to his majesty a request, as unjustifiable as unheard of; and even dare to support this request, by his own intercession in favour of the head of the rebels, and his accomplices.

His majesty has commanded me to lay before your high mightinesses, in the most serious terms, his complaints against a proceeding no less injurious to his sovereignty, than derogatory to the engagements that subsist between his crown and your high mightinesses; and (as the king persuades himself) no less contrary to the invariable maxims of this state. His majesty commands me, at the same time, to demand of your high mightinesses such a distinguish'd satisfaction, as may be some way proportionable to the scandal which this proceeding has given to every true friend to the honour, liberty, and religion of the two powers.

As to the choice of this satisfaction, the king thinks he runs no risque in leaving it to the friendship and zeal of a free Protestant state, and his ally, who besides owes this justice to herself, and to her own sentiments on the occasion.

Done at the Hague, June 18, 1746. ROBERT TREVOR.

EXTRACT of the Register of the States General, on the foregoing Memorial.

THE deputies for foreign affairs, to whom the Memorial, &c. was referred, made their report. Upon which it was judged proper to send a copy of it to M. Van Hoey, and acquaint him, that their high mightinesses having inspected the papers relating to this affair, not only disapproved of, but were extremely offended by his conduct on this occasion:—That he ought to have known and considered that, as an ambassador of their high mightinesses, it did not become him to concern himself in an affair so very critical, and at the same time so odious, as the rebellion in the dominions of his Britannic majesty, with whom, as M. Van Hoey well knew, their high mightinesses are so strictly allied, as well as so nearly interested to preserve his majesty's lawful and established government, and maintain the religion, liberty, and tranquility of his kingdoms. That any enterprise against either of these must afflict them in the most sensible manner; that their abhorrence of such undertakings does not permit them to suffer any person, who is invested with the character of their ambassador, to take the liberty of interceding, or supporting the intercessions of others, in favour of rebels, without the least knowledge of the States. That moreover, M. Van Hoey ought to have considered, that the intercession of the court of France, in the case in question, must naturally be more prejudicial than advantageous, since his Britannic majesty, supposing him inclined to mercy, would undoubtedly have exerted it of his free motion, and not

MEMORIAL presented by the British Minister at the Hague, to the States General.

High and Mighty Lords,

The annexed copy of the answer, written by the duke of Newcastle, by the express order of the king, will in your high mightinesses of the step which your ambassador