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*Translation of a Memorial of the Spanish Ambassador, and of the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, to his most Faithful Majesty.*

**D**ON Joseph Torrero, Ambassador Extraordinary of the Catholick King, and Don James O Dun, Minister Plenipotentiary of the most Christian King, at this Court, by the exprefs and positive Orders of their Masters, declare, with the greatest Respect, to the most Faithful King;

That the Two Sovereigns of France and Spain, being obliged to support a War against the English, have found it proper and necessary, to establish several mutual and reciprocal Obligations between them; and to take other indispensable Measures to curb the Pride of the British Nation, which, by an ambitious Project to become despotick over the Sea, and consequently over all Maritime Commerce, pretends to keep dependant the Possessions of other Powers in the New World, in order to introduce themselves there, either by an underhand Usurpation, or by Conquest.

That the first Measure, which the Kings of France and Spain agreed on, was to have the most Faithful King in their Offensive and Defensive Alliance, and to desire him to join their Majesties forthwith; That they expected, that the most Faithful King would acquiesce therein, conformably to what he owes to himself, and to his Kingdom; since his Subjects feel, much more than other Nations, the Yoke which Great Britain lays, and which the means to extend over all those, who have Possessions beyond Sea; and that it would be unjust for France and Spain to sacrifice themselves for an Object, in which Portugal is so much interested; and that, instead of assisting them, they should make it impossible for them to succeed, by allowing the English to enrich themselves by their Commerce, and to enter their Ports, not only to make Use of them as an Asylum, but to be more at Hand to hurt the Defenders of the Cause of Portugal.

That, in this Spirit, the Ambassador of Spain, and the Minister Plenipotentiary of France, desire the most Faithful King to declare himself united with their Catholick and most Christian Majesties in the present War against the English, to break off all Correspondence and Commerce with that Power, as the Common Enemy of all the Three, and even of all Maritime Nations; to send away from his Ports, and to shut them against, all their Men of War and Merchant Ships; and to join to the Forces of France and Spain, those which the Most High has put in his Hands, in order to make them equal to those of the Enemy.

This Declaration made by the Two Monarchs of France and Spain, as being agreed and concerted between them; his Catholick Majesty has, in the mean Time, instructed his Ambassador to make this

Reflection to the most Faithful King (in order that his magnanimous Breast may, the more easily and the more speedily determine, without being stopped by other Impressions, to take the Part the most consonant to his Advantage, and to his Glory,) that it is the Brother of the Queen his Wife, a true Friend, and a moderate and quiet Neighbour, who has made this Proposal to him, and who has agreed to it, considering the Interests of the most Faithful King, as his own, and wishing to unite the one with the other, so as that, either in Peace or in War, Spain and Portugal may be considered as belonging to one Master; and in order that, if any Power shall think of making War with Spain, they may not imagine they shall find, in her own House, Shelter and Succours to attack her, as happened, with Regard to Portugal, in the Wars, which King Philip the Fifth, his Father, and Father-in-Law of the most Faithful King, was obliged to support against England: How much more glorious and more useful will it be for the most Faithful King to have, for his Ally, a Catholick King, his near Relation, his Neighbour in Europe and in America, to assist each other mutually and with Ease, than the English Nation, incapable, by their Haughtiness, of considering other Sovereigns with Equality, and always desirous to make them feel the Influence of their Power; and what Occasion can the most Faithful King have for the Assistance of England, when, by an Offensive and Defensive League, he shall be united with Spain and France.

These Considerations are so strong, that the Catholick King thinks, there can be no doubt, but that the most Faithful King, his Brother-in-Law, will yield to them, without stopping a Moment; so much the more, as his Catholick Majesty, before making this Invitation, and in order to prevent the Danger which the Maritime Places of Portugal, might run, when the Part, taken by his most Faithful Majesty, should come to the Knowledge of the English, his Catholick Majesty has caused his Troops to march to the Frontiers of Portugal, so that, in a very few Days, they may garrison the principal Ports of the Kingdom, and they will do it, after the Answer of the most Faithful King, which, doubtless, will be as speedy, as clear, and as decisive, as the Necessity, and the positive Determination of his Catholick Majesty to prevent the Designs of his Enemies, require. Lisbon, the 16th of March, 1762.

(Signed)

*Don Joseph Torrero.  
Jaques Bernard O Dun.*

The two Ministers added to this Memorial, That they were ordered by their Courts to demand a Categorical Answer in Four Days, and that every Delay beyond that Term would be considered as a Negative.