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The last of the six Dutch Mails is just arrived. Tho' it is past the usual Hour of troubling Your Majesty, yet the very disagreeable news from Holland seems of too great Importance not to be instantly laid before You especially as this untoward Business being now brought to a Crisis some Resolution must be taken without Delay. It would ill become me Sir to venture a hasty opinion upon a Business of this Magnitude, yet, as it is my Duty to lay my Sentiments before Yr Majesty as they arise in my own Mind, I will not

not dissemble that Sr J. Yorke's Reasoning  
seems to me to carry great weight with it,  
and that I much doubt whether any  
Real advantage can be derived from  
Moderation which those who receive the  
Benefit of it attribute to weakness and  
Fear.