

Ld. Stowmount

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St James's Mount 7<sup>th</sup> 1788  
Ten o'clock P.M.

I have just had a long secret conversat<sup>n</sup>  
with my Informant but have drawn little  
from him that can deserve yr Majesty's notice  
tho' I am inclined to think him well  
disposed and willing to tell all he  
knows.

We cannot tell me the names of the  
Delegates, but hopes to get them soon, neither  
does he know by whom they are deputed  
but thinks they are sent in consequence  
of a secret association between the  
Roman Catholics and Independents.  
(yr Majesty will recollect that Lord  
Pristel in one of his letters speaks  
of such an association & speaks of it  
with apprehension.) My Informant's Intelligence  
is

is that these Delegates arrived at Paris  
the beginning of December last. that  
they are much encouraged by Monsieur  
Sarkis with whom they treat, that  
by his means they have been secretly  
admitted into the presence of the  
French King. what he knows of their  
plan is vague and wild. he says  
they propose that Ireland shall be  
an Independent Kingdom, that there  
shall be a sort of Parlt. but no King,  
that the Protestant Religion shall  
shall be the established Religion of  
the Country (that is Protestantism but  
not Episcopacy) & that the Roman

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Catholics shall have the fullest liberation  
The Delegates are closely connected with  
Franklin who my former works carries  
on a correspondence by means of this,  
Franklin's sister a Mrs. Johnstone now  
in London who has a small Lodging in  
Mountain Court in the Strand.

This is the substance of what I could  
collect from this Person who seems to  
me ingenuous enough. He has confirmed  
my suspicions of Thesey who he is  
persuaded is privy to this whole  
Design. I doubt much if any  
essential Discovery will be made, but  
the Business is too important not  
to merit every attention.

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