

Ld. Stourmont

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St James's Saturday Night.
April 1st. 1790

Your Majesty's Doubts will be but too
much confirmed by the inclosed Declaration
which I received this afternoon from M.
Sunder who came to me by appointment.
The second article if adhered to would
totally destroy all that has been so
properly resolved with regard to the
Dutch. I suspect it have been inserted
with that view by Count Senia who has
purposely led the Emperor into this
mistake. The assertion is certainly false
in fact. The best writers on the Law of
Nations, all agree that a Neutral ship
does not protect the Property of the
Enemy except by particular positive
Treaty

Treaty. It strikes me upon the first view
of this Business which deserves to be
most maturely considered, that the
best Method of answering this Declaration
will be to answer it in very civil
general Terms, and to instruct Mr J.
Morris to take a fit opportunity of
explaining the Mistake upon which
the second Article proceeds, and the
Consequences to which it would lead
highly pernicious to this Country, and
therefore contrary to Her J. M^{ts} friendly
Intentions.