

Ld. Stourmont

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St James's Sept. 9. 1788

The singular style of the King of
Sweden's letter makes the answer a
matter of some difficulty. In the
draft which is submitted to your
Majesty I have endeavoured to
keep clear of that familiarity,
which I thought was to be avoided,
without making it a formal official
letter which he would have thought
a cold return. I conceived that
your Majesty's intention was to
give an absolute negative to the
offer, but to make the refusal

handsome and dignified in the
manner.

I apprehend that Your Majesty's intention
is to send the answer through the
same channel through which the
letter was brought. as otherwise it
will be difficult to keep the secret.