

St James's Sept. 25. 1780

There is nothing I would not suffer rather than be the Cause of any Uneasiness to your Majesty or the least Embarrassment to your Service especially at such a Time as this.

When none of the Competitors had very superior Provisions I certainly should not have differed with Lord North's opinion upon the Question who should be preferred. But I was hurt at absolute Promises being given by authority without any Communication with me. Your Majesty's allowing the Justice of my Complaint has set my Mind at Ease, and the best Return I can make for so much Goodness is

is to rest the matter here, and never to
say a word more upon the subject. Your
Majesty will say to De Witt what you
think proper upon what has passed.
I shall immediately obey your Majesty's
commands.