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The Letter 158 was not deciphered when
I had the Honour of waiting upon Your Majesty
It is a key to the rest, and opens matter for
very important Deliberation. The objections
to an offer of such a Capitulation were no doubt very
strong, but the case in my poor Judgment would
be considerably altered if Russia was to come
forth with a fair proposal of assistance, readily
engage to take part in the war unless the
Belligrant Powers agreed to make Peace
upon the footing of the Treaty of Paris, and
have Minerva in consideration of such
service actually performed and joined to
a perpetual Defensive Alliance between the
two Courts. In that case ^{the Capitulation} ~~the Capitulation~~ would
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in fact as well as appearance be counterbalanced
by such a peace & alliance.