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Necker continues to be lavish of his own money, & not sparing his royal Master's. Though his power be now but the shadow of what it hath been, yet if he hath not many friends, he hath applied the proper means to have a stout Corps of Puffets in every metropolitan City of Europe. It is no wonder then he should be complimented daily at Versailles for the very compliments paid him in the British Senate - he figures himself that a clamour is already begun both in and out of parliament, & that in less than a fortnight all England will be on fire respecting the Capture of St. Eustacia against the Law of Nations, & the Confiscation of British property on that Island, against the Laws of Great Britain. - But it is a happiness for us, that all the plans of this Minister are ^{as} superficial, as malignant. - a general Act of Indemnity, before the uproar Capture of St. Eustacia, against all Lawsuits &c entirely silences & defeats his plan.

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