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It is certain that M^r. Adams & M^r. Laurens, the two American Agents, have been appointed by Congress, each upon a different Interest from that by which D^r. Frankly was appointed - They however all Three draw together for the present, but will probably very soon clash, as the different interests through which have ^{been} separately appointed, are not a little jealous at home of each other's taking a superior lead, one over the other.

The King of Prussia is industriously strengthening himself with the additional weight of bringing Sweden & Denmark entirely into his Views & Interests - He hath the whole party of the Doublists to a man at his Devotion in Holland - he puts no Confidence whatever in Russia - It is now waiting, en force, to see whether the Dutch or any other Nation find themselves so straitened as to invite his assistance - These are the politics of his Prussian Majesty for the present hour.

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