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It is undeniably certain that for these last four Months, Lord Stormont's Man of Confidence at Versailles hath by permission of the french Court furnished his Lordship with certain articles of Intelligence, most of which were well-founded; but at the same time, some one article or other hath been invariably inserted for the special purpose of misleading the British Cabinet — his Lordship's principal Intelligence within a few weeks (if he hath not already done it through the hands of Mr Cumberland) solicit your Majesty's Clemency & pardon to have his Attaint taken off, & to be restored to his forfeited honours & Estate —

Franklyn openly boasts that he is absolutely certain of a Majority in both Houses of parliament next Session and scruples not to tell the french Ministry that he shall be able to pitt (for that, his phrase) Lord Clare against Lord George Germain.

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