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I was pleas'd at receiving Lord North's Account last night of the first reading of the India Bill; it is surprising the House should have been detain'd by two Divisions on the Exchange of Spanish Prisoners.

After I came from St. James's I read the strange Paper Count Belgioso has been order'd by his Court to deliver, which either shews the Austria has not quite the ~~desire~~ ^{desire} partiality to the House of Bourbon, or that to gain the Court of Russia the Sentiments of Russia are to guide the Mediators, I own with either of those opinions I cannot expect any good will be obtain'd through either of those Courts, and as with the many Enemies we have had to deal with our own bravery next to the Assistance of Providence and the Justice of our Cause has alone supported us so to that alone must we trust for a restoration of an honourable Peace, and any other I will never put my hand to.

Lucas House
June 2. 1781 35. p. 8. R. M.

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