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There is an incipient Coldness between the present Minister of the french Finance-Department & D^r Franklyn: the latter does not unbosom himself as he did to Neckar, & the former feels and cannot brook this want of Confidence. The following little Narrative will explain the grounds of this reciprocal Diffidence.

Franklyn had received ^{Advice} from this side the Water, ascertaining "that Lord North had actually told Lord George Germaine that he cannot raise the Supplies another year, & that the Navy of course must be pinched."

Franklyn communicated this important intelligence to his old friend Neckar before he had mentioned it to any other person; & Neckar communicated it to the King before it had even been mentioned either to the Minister of the Marine, or to that of the Finance-Department.

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With the greatest Desirance Aristarchus presumes to state that he hath not yet received from the Treasury the last Half-Year's Gratification which was due the 2^d of April last, & that a foreign Remittance is to be made by tomorrow's Mail.

