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Minutes
July 20th 1782.

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St James's: 20. July 1782.

At a Cabinet Council held this morning
at ten o' Clock.

Present

Lord President
Lord Proxy Seal
Duke of Richmond
Earl of Shelburne
Viscount Keppel.

Lord Cobburton
Mr Townshend
Mr Conway
Mr Pitt
Lady Grantham.

Upon consideration of M. de Vergennes Proposal, and the Insinuation Verbal from the Courts of Vienna & Prussia, repeated by your Majesty, and of the Answer to be given to them it was agreed.

To call upon France for a more explicit Answer, and to communicate to M. de Simolin the Situation of the Negotiation now unavoidably depending at Paris. & consult him upon the
Best

but Mode of giving the written Answer to the
Insinuation Verbales.

It was further agreed to make the same
Communication in the fullest Manner to
the Court of Prussia, assuring the Empress that
there is not an Idea of abandoning the Mediation
but on the contrary, the greatest Confidence &
Reliance on her Assistance for the most
effectual Manner of procuring Peace.