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The dispatches from Mr. Oswald which Mr. Grantham has sent to me fully shew that all Dr. Franklin's hints were only to amuse, for now he throughout Mr. Jay allows that Independence cannot be admitted as sufficient reason for France to make Peace, that the Dutch and Spaniards must also be satisfied before America can conclude; that America dislikes G. Britain loves France, yet that in this strange view we must decidedly grant Independence and retire all troops prior to any treaty consequently give every thing without any return and then receive Peace if America will grant it, besides an hint that America is to Guarantee the General Peace. I think this must be the Machination of some of those who were lately in Employment; I do not possibly see how the present Ministry can consent to Independency but on the price of a certain Peace.

These are my hasty thoughts on taking the various Dispatches of Mr. Oswald and the private letter of Mr. Vaughan into one view

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E. of Shelburne

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my answer Aug.t 21.st 1782 m 5 p.t 6.