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Many proofs were wanting of the sincerity of France to make Peace
Mr. Bénévolet's sending off a Messenger the very Night of his arrival ^{with} out
of the door & out of the hands of the King's Messengers
into a single Conversation with Ld. Shelburne ^{in person} Mr. de Vergennes
showed the impossibility ^{of getting} Gibraltar ~~and~~ without the complete
restitution of every Possession Spain has taken during the War, and the
Addition of either Porto Rico, or Martinique, and St. Lucia, or Guadaloupe
and Dominique, and the full value paid of the Fortifications, Artillery
and Stores at Gibraltar. I am ready to avow that the Exchange of
Gibraltar for either of the above valuable Possessions now proposed
is highly advantageous to this Kingdom.

