

Ld. Shaftesbury to Col. the Baron

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Mrs de Jannis.

April 4. 1712.

My dear Sir,

I am humbly oblig'd
to trouble you once more of the Subject
to which my last Letter refer'd.

I do beseech you, in the
most earnest manner, to lay me up
the Test of the Prince, and to submit
to His Royal Highness with the appearance
of my most humble and dutiful
Request. That it is altogether unjust that

That the British Interest at this Court
 should keep its ground, during the
 state of Inimitation and Disaffection etc
 which the Prince of Brazil is thro', by the
 preference shown to Spain in the Conduct
 of the Embassy. The Public Service is quite
 at a stand; and the Prince of Brazil takes
 every opportunity of expressing his vexation
 and Resentment at the neglect which he
 complains has been put upon him. I am sure
 that if His Royal Highness were once
 made acquainted with the real state of
 this Affair, he is too just and too

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conduits to suffer the feelings of his
Ally to be thus hurt by a circumstance
that is so easily remedied. The source
of some of mortification is the fact of an
Ambassador having been sent to Spain, at
the very time when a similar Commission
was refused to this Court, and that too, on
the plea, that an Ambassador had not
been sent to the Spanish Government.

If the difficulty consists in any
personal objection shall the Ministers of
A.A. my attention with regard to the
being the Ambassador. I am ready, should
his

His Royal Highness judge proper, to resign
my present situation, rather than that
His Royal Highness's interests at this bank
should suffer, as they now, more advantageously
do. I would submit to any sacrifice, less
than to hold the Decline of the British
Influence at this place, after so many
years employed in upholding it.

John Sturges Esq
April 4. 1712

Pray forgive this long journal
and bid me to be, ever, with the
kindest regards,

My dear Sir,

Your faithful & obliged servant
W. Sturges