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I have no doubt next Spring Spain will join France, but if we can keep her quiet till then I trust the British Navy will be in a State to cope with both Nations, Lord North must feel as I do the noble conduct of the three fifty Gun Ships that with so much bravery have driven off separately Ships of far superior strength; I doubt not whenever it shall please the Almighty to permit ~~the~~ English fleet fairly to engage any other a most comfortable issue will arise; Armed as France and Spain now are, no peace could either be durable or much less expensive than a State of War; it must now be decided whether Britain or France must yield; I trust in the justice of my cause and the bravery of the Nation, as you may depend on my readiness to cheat the sword whenever a permanent tranquility can be obtained which certainly the present moment is not the one for accomplishing

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