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The Papers here submitted to your Majesty seem to deserve attention, one of the Persons Mr J. Yorke mentions, Triguette I had heard of through secret channels whilst I was in France and knew the advantage Mr Joseph derived from him. It is but too certain that there is at present a want of regular immediate secret Intelligence that is highly prejudicial to yr Majesty's service. These two Persons seem calculated to remedy in some Degree that Defect. I should therefore humbly be of opinion

that it would be proper to encourage  
sr J. Yorke's Ideas on the Subject, and to  
desire him to explain them more particularly,  
But before I prepare a Trt for that  
purpose I am anxious to know your  
Majesty's Pleasure which on account of  
the Nature of the Business I ask in  
this secret Manner.