

Ld. Stourmont

3756

St James's Tuesday Night
March 28. 1756

~~Ld. Stourmont to the King~~

I am to see Count Wolderen tomorrow at this
Desire, and as your Majesty is graciously
pleas'd to approve what I have said
in my Despatch of this day to Mr Joseph
Zerby, I shall make my answer to it
Wolderen exactly conformable to it, and
tell him in the Politest Terms I can find
that there can be no further Delay.

Mr John Dick has rec'd a Letter which he
read me this Morning and which carries
an appearance of the Empress of Russia's
being really in earnest, determin'd at least
to equip a fleet & send it beyond the
Baltic. The Letter is of the 29th of
Feb^r.

Feb. and as it was sent by the common Post
is written in a manner that is intelligible
to him alone according to his explanation
of it. Mr. Et Alexis or Low is to come to
England in the beginning of May. and
admiral Griez is to follow with the fleet.
in about a month after. Griez is
persuaded that the whole is secretly
arranged by the Empress without the
Sanction of Her Ministers, and that
Count Alexis is to have the Nominal Command
of the Russian Fleet.

I thought this Intelligence too important
not to be immediately transmitted to
Your Majesty. Tho' my Doubts I own are
not yet removed, I apprehend the

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of the King of Prussia who will use
every endeavour to preserve the ascendant
he has so long had over the Councils of
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