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as Monsieur de Guichen is considered as one of the best Naval Officers in the French Service his Resignation of which I have received information through a secret channel seems an event of some importance. He resigned because several Memorials he had presented complaining of Mismanagement and Neglect in the Equipment of the Fleet had not been attended to. M. de Costus is very uneasy in his situation and will not remain in it long. M. de Sostines is looked of to succeed him and it is said that M. de Maurepas is reconciled to him and wishes to bring him back, but this Intelligence seems very doubtful & is indeed represented to me as such. M. de Guichens Resignation I thought of consequence enough

enough to trouble Your Majesty with the coldest
acct of it.