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The proposal of M<sup>r</sup>. de Knypsval to follow his Messengers to Versailles seems the most likely method of bringing things there to a quick decision, and as such I am glad Lord Shelburne has encouraged him to put it into Execution; the giving him on this Occasion some insight into the Negotiations with the Holland and America was also right, and it has much eased my mind that any Possession of the Cape of Good Hope is not secretly intended by France; if she wounds the Dutch any where but in the East Indies I do not see they deserve our compassion. France I should hope will assist us in keeping the American Treaty less liable to be objected to on the score of Fisheries which certainly in its present shape is too loose and subject to much inconvenience

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