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E. of Whitehall
Buckly Square Dec. 11. 1762. S.H. 1

Sir

Your Majesty will have been acquainted by Lord Grantham, of the arrival of Monsieur de Rayneval's Courier, and of the fresh Proposals call'd for by the Court of France, in consequence of our desiring an addition to the equivalent propos'd by them for Gibraltar. It being impossible to think of any for Martinique, by

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which Your Majesty would not be a
Loser; and honourous to return instea
ly to the former ground, especially
as Gibraltar ceases to stand in the
way of Peace, as has been hitherto
understood to be the case; there seems
no power left, ^{except} to make the roundest
offer possible to Spain, to induce them
to desert from that Pretension, and
I would humbly submit to Your
Majesty, whether it would not be
prudent to offer the Floridas, or
at least West Floridas, with an
extended Boundary, and Minorca,
provided the French will add

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be a Dominica to the other restrictions on
instant their part, & If Spain does not agree
lly to this, to get back, as honourably
the as we can, to the last propositions
er to made by France, without regard
seems to the part, which the Duke of Great
est General Conway and Lord Corn-
them den may take upon it. I wish that
and too much way may not already
we have been given to their hesitation,
t be in truth more, than I could answer
or to your Majesty, if Monsieur de
me Rayneral himself had not at the
rea, some time given us hopes of suc-
ceeding, which he now very faintly

acknowledges. This last circumstance made me suspect, that the French might possibly have chang'd their Plan, since he came away, in consequence of the signature of the American Articles or of good accounts from the East Indies. I took all the pains possible with him to discover this, but to no purpose, and I should hope Your Majesty will find them still sincerely disposed to Peace. It will however be Mr. Fisher's business to spare neither pains nor money to ascertain this Fact or against the return from Spain.

I have the Honour to be with
the highest Respect

Berkley Square

11th Dec: 1702

Your Majesty's
most Duty full Subject
The Honour