

Lord Grantham

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M. de Heredia is come, and has brought three Letters which Lord Grantham has the Honour to send to your Majesty.—

That from M. D'Aranda is a temperate & reasonable Paper, tho' it resists the Idea of allowing any British Establishment on the Coast of Honduras, the Right to which is established by the Treaty of Paris. Lord Grantham will be able to judge in another Conference with him, whether his Instructions are positive upon this Point, & will be prepared with a variety of Plans for the Arrangement of that Trade.

Lord Grantham also sends your Majesty three Letters which contain a very
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satisfactory Admission on the Part of the
French Ministry, that the Complaints brought
some Time ago, against some of your Majesty's
Naval Officers were groundless.

He proposes communicating these Papers
with your Majesty's Leave to the Admiralty.

The increasing Abuse of the neutral Flag
is manifested in so many late Instances
that it would require the most strenuous
Persistence if the Peace does not take place
At all Events Lord Grantham proposes to
make the Ministers of the Neutral Courts
sensible of these Excesses.

The Master General of the Ordnance, has
suggested to Lord Grantham that as your
Majesty had been graciously pleas'd to
meet the King of Naples's Wish, with regard
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to some small pieces of Ordnance, it would
enhance the value of Your Majesty's
Condensation on this Occasion, if they
were to be sent to Naples in Your Majesty's
Name.

If this meets with Your Majesty's
Approbation, Lord Grantham will acquaint
the Neapolitan Minister with this great
Mark of Friendship to His Sicilian Majesty.

Lord Grantham being uncertain when
he may next have the Honour of taking
Your Majesty's Command in person
finds himself obliged to express thus
much upon Your Majesty.

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I do not deny the Appearance of M^r D'Aranda's language being temperate, but his ideas on the Logwood Trade do not please Me; Spanish delivering to our Ships that come in Ballast as much Logwood as we may require, will not do; we must have the permission to cut it ourselves, consequently have persons for that purpose settled on the Coast.

The letters from the French Coast in answer to our state of the Naval Complaints are very satisfactory, Undoubtedly the Abuses of the Neutral Trade, increase daily and require a serious notice from M^r Grenville to the Ministers of those Courts.

I approve of the Cannons being sent to the King of Naples in my name

Ed Grenville

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