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It is impossible to treat less ably than the French Court does, and indeed at all times it has been famous for losing nothing from too scrupulous a mode of negotiating; Dominica and Guadeloupe were offered for Gibraltar, which was very ably refused, and in return offered the two Floridas and Menorca for Gibraltar but specified that though in that case he would not claim Guadeloupe we must have Dominica restored to us.

When the Messengers return from Court of St. Brandon it will be very proper to hold a Cabinet on the French and Spanish Propositions. I do not love to hazard an opinion on matters that essentially regard any Subjects without having certain grounds to build it upon, I therefore think Mr. Stanham ought to acquire all the information he can whether Dominica or St. Vincent's most advantageous to us both in point of Culture and in Situation.

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