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Though Mon^r de Rayneval is right in not thinking himself authorized to announce the Preliminary being signed on Saturday as his intelligence does not come from Count des Doyennes, but as he looks on the Channel as authentic & C. of Shelburne is certainly well warranted to look on the Count as certain. The keeping Negotiations is certainly an advantageous measure. By Mr. Fitzherbert's letter I find new demands to be made by Dr. Franklin, but I trust if the other Treaties are signed they will meet with the treatment they deserve.

J. S.

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