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Intelligence respecting the
Spaniards

The attempt to keep the Batteries
on the neutral ground before
Gibraltar looks more like Spanish
policy than a piece of Spanish
pride; - one days walk on the
Rock will convince any man
that if the Spanish advanced
Posts are fortified, Gibraltar is
likely to be taken by surprise every
night of the Peace or commencement
of a War. - they have refused
our taking post at the foot of our
own

own Batteries where they had
commenced a Mine. — All Vessels
from Gibraltar to Calais are strictly
kept to 40 Days quarantine — and
no Officer's life is safe who
ventures into Spain. —

The Prussian Prince Visinkoi who
visited Gibraltar lately and who
was come immediately from Calais
said, that the Spaniards insisted
we could not send one Ship to
Sea for want of Men, altho he
positively asserted to them that
a Squadron was coming with the
Troops to Gibraltar; it confirms
the good policy of Government in
sending out the Troops thither in
Men-of-war. —

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Three Spanish Ships of 1st Rate and
two of 70 Guns saw the English Ships
off Cape Finisterre, going to Gibraltar,
the Spaniards brought to, while
the English past.

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