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**T**HE Abbot du Bois, Secretary of State, has written a Circular Letter to the several Foreign Ministers residing at this Court, and particularly to the Earl of Stair, His Britannick Majesty's Ambassadour, the Copy of which follows;

My LORD, *Paris, Dec. 14.*  
**A**S what passed Yesterday with relation to the Prince de Cellamare, will doubtless excite the publick Attention, and 'as the King is desirous to make known' the Motives of his Resolutions when they may concern Sovereign Powers; His Majesty has commanded me to acquaint your Excellency, that it was not till after there were found, by an unexpected Accident, in a Packer which the Prince de Cellamare had entrusted to a Person who was going to Spain, Proofs under that Ambassadour's own Hand, of his Abuse of the Character with which he is vested, in inciting the King's Subjects to a Revolt; and the Plan of the Conspiracy which he had formed, to destroy the Government and Tranquility of the whole Kingdom; that his Majesty was induced to take the Resolution to put him under the Guard of one of the Gentlemen in ordinary of his Household, and to oblige him to seal up with his own Seal, joint-

ly with that of his Royal Highness the Regent, the Papers of his Embassy, to prevent their being convey'd out of the way. This is what His Majesty has ordered me to signify to your Excellency, that you may inform the King your Master of it, till what arises from this important Discovery be set forth in its full Light. I can at the same time assure your Excellency, that the indispensable Necessity of taking Care on this Occasion of the Tranquility of the People, was the only Motive that could have wrought upon his Majesty to secure himself, by the Measures he has taken, against the dangerous Practices of the Prince of Cellamare; and that it was not without great Repugnance he prevailed with himself to take this Resolution, though it be accompanied with all the Regard and all the Marks of Consideration possible for the Ambassadour of a Prince, whose Friendship will be ever dear to him, and who is incapable of entering into such pernicious Designs. I beg your Excellency to believe that I am intirely, my Lord, your Excellency's most humble and most obedient Servant,

DU BOIS.

*Paris, Dec. 14.* The following Piece has been published here by Authority.

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