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PREFATORY NOTE.

Owing to the serious illness of the Editor, Mr. Oscar Browning, during the preparation of this edition, the Council have decided, with his approval, to issue the text of these important official despatches of the Duke of Dorset and other British Ministers at Paris from 1784 to 1787 in the present volume, leaving an Introduction and Index to the whole work to appear in the second Volume (now in the press) covering the period from January 1788 to May 1790. It will be recalled that the Paris despatches from June 1790 to August 1792 have been edited by Mr. Browning for the Cambridge University Press (1885).

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ERRATA

The following heavy list of *errata* for a certain portion of the text was unavoidable owing to the discovery, after the first sheets for the year 1786 had been distributed, that the transcripts, which were known to be reliable, had been occasionally paraphrased by the typist. As soon as this discovery was made the remainder of the proofs and copy were collated with the MSS.

- P. 93, l. 8. *For 'can be easily', read 'can easily be'.*
94, 23. *Before 'good' insert 'natural'.*
95, 4. *For 'at present communicate', read 'now communicate'.*
After article 2 insert article 3 as follows:
"Some of the goods that are prohibited coming from England are admitted to pay a duty when coming from other countries."
And number on articles 3, 4 and 5.
27. *For 'upon', read 'on'.*
29. *For 'are', read 'have been'.*
96, 10. *Before 'recommended' insert 'so strongly'.*
11. *Before 'which' insert 'and'.*
14. *For 'furnish them to the amount', read 'furnish him with the amount'.*
19. *For 'condemned', read 'tried'.*
23. *For 'by M. le Maitre', read 'by le Maitre'.*
97, 3. *Before 'orders' insert 'positive'.*
For 'return to their own province', read 'return to that province'.
98, 5. *For 'produce', read 'induce'.*
8. *For 'the subject', read 'this subject'.*
For 'fail', read 'hesitate'.
12. *Before 'remonstrance' insert 'a'.*

- P. 98, 1. 16. *Before 'he will maintain' insert 'that'.*
 99, 17. *For 'at present', read 'for the present'.*
 30. *For 'service', read 'advantage'.*
 34. *For 'will', read 'would'.*
 100, 21. *For 'to the government', read 'to government'.*
 101, 1. *After 'contemplation', supply asterisks.*
 4. *For 'it is said that the', read 'it is said the'.*
 15. *For 'hearing', read 'rehearing'.*
 26. *For 'granted to him', read 'granted him'.*
 29. *Same as l. 26.*
 32. *Before 'his project' insert 'he had declared his intention of offering'.*
 33. *Supply asterisks.*
 102, 12. *Before 'personal' insert 'great'.*
 16. *Supply asterisks.*
 19. *For 'the last', read 'these last'.*
 22. *For 'upon', read 'on'.*
 27. *Before 'confront' omit 'to'.*
 104, 11. *Before 'I am' omit 'that'.*
 12. *Supply asterisks.*
 21. *For 'related' read 'relative'.*
 28. *Supply asterisks.*
 106, 11. *Before 'I shall not', omit 'that'.*
 107, 5. *For 'appeal', read 'appear'.*
 13. *For 'audience', read 'audiences'.*
 27. *Read 'but not any other of the'.*
 108, 2. *For 'at the present moment', read 'at this moment'.*
 7. *Read 'King of Spain'.*
 108, 14. *For 'justified', read 'disposed'.*
 29. *Supply asterisks.*
 109, 9. *Before 'in case' insert 'that'.*
 110, 3. *Read 'ready drawn for the'.*
 4 and 6. *Read 'M. de Fer'.*
 15. *Read 'he hoped that His Majesty'.*
 27. *For 'Ministers', read 'Minister'.*
 111, 19. *Read 'two last seasons, and tho' a'.*
 24. *Before 'in commission' omit 'is'.*
 25. *Read 'and which might be fitted out'.*
 32. *Read 'without being stopped for examination'.*

- P. 112, 1. 12-13. *Read* 'so commodious a harbour'.
18. *Read* 'I send your Lordship the Cardinal de Rohans' petition'.
- 114, 7. *Read* 'at the same time to be issued'.
8. *For* 'the', *read* 'this'.
29. *For* 'formally', *read* 'finally'.
- 115, 4. *Read* 'to which'.
7. *Read* 'Cagliostro likewise is'.
11. *Read* 'one of several proofs'.
- 116, 6. *Read* 'you then'.
13. *Read* 'I was assured..... that'.
21. *Read* 'the advantages of the situation'.
24. *Read* 'I doubt not but your Lordship'.
- 117, 3. *Before* 'no more' *omit* 'for'.
- Read* 'this journey'.
15. *Before* 'been done', *omit* 'already'.
21. *Read* 'duration of the peace'.
27. *Read* 'the whole number of the'.
30. *Read* '1200 to 1600'.
35. *For* 'speculators', *read* 'speculations'.
- 118, 6. *Read* 'upon this occasion'.
10. *Read* 'the infliction of this punishment which'.
12. *Read* 'public begin now'.
20. *Read* 'stain upon'.
29. *Read* 'that have induced'.
33. *Read* 'Edict that entirely conforms'.
- 119, 36. *Read* 'an account of some disagreement'.
- 120, 4. *Read* 'right of disposal'.
6. *For* 'account', *read* 'detail'.
10. *Read* 'all we know here'.
15. *Read* 'have thought proper'.
18. *For* 'the King', *read* 'the Court'.
22. *Read* 'have been left dry'.
26. *For* 'letter', *read* 'letters'.
32. *Read* 'province'.
33. *Before* 'the intentions', *insert* 'into'.
- 121, 9. *For* 'standing by', *read* 'adhering to'.
16. *Read* 'end of this month'.
19. *Read* 'Parliament of 1774'.

- P. 121, 1. 20. *Read 'conformity to English law'.*
 29-30. *Read 'great benefit, in all probability, will be derived'.*
 31. *Read 'America'.*
- 122, 2. *For 'debtors', read 'creditors'.*
 10. *Read 'he never can be brought'.*
 12. *After 'plan', supply asterisks.*
 14. *Read 'upon the ground'.*
 17. *For 'act', read 'instance'.*
 29. *Read 'for its accession'.*
 33-34. *Read 'backward and forward'.*
- 123, 30. *For '12th', read '13th'.*
- 124, 8. *After 'misinterpretation', supply asterisks.*
 11. *Read 'he finds it to be not an official'.*
 13. *For 'had', read 'has'.*
 15. *For 'men', read 'sailors'.*
- 125, 12. *For 'upon', read 'on'.*
 17. *For 'becoming', read 'become'.*
 26. *Read 'a very short time ago'.*
 32. *For '15th', read '16th'.*
 33. *For 'discovery', read 'discoveries'.*
- 126, 16. *Before 'letter', insert 'last'.*
 21. *Read 'have been always'.*
- 127, 3-4. *Read 'attachment of his Swedish Majesty'*
 21. *Read 'is to take place'.*
- 128, 12. *For 'fully', read 'expressly'.*
 25. *Read 'had been so naturally'.*
- 129, 2. *Before 'more', insert 'still'.*
 6. *Read 'the dupe of their northern ally'.*
 11. *Read 'solicitous and inquisitive'.*
 12. *Read 'recently received here'.*
 13. *Read 'account of a force of the English Company'.*
- 130, 21. *Before 'it', omit 'and'.*
For 'the most', read 'a'.
 26. *Before 'would', insert 'I have reason to think'.*
Read 'French interest in India from'.
 29. *Before 'I have had', insert 'that'.*
- 131, 6. *Read 'Minister of the Marine'.*
 7. *Read 'there is at this time in Paris a person'.*
 15. *For 'Mr. Boltz', read 'Boltz'.*

- P. 131, l. 24. *Read* 'in India and in England'.
 28. *For* 'frontier', *read* 'frontiers'.
 30. *For* 'until', *read* 'till'.
 34. *For* 'its', *read* 'the'.
 35. *Read* 'is ceded for ever'.
 132, 6. *For* 'has', *read* 'have'.
 24. *Read* 'to this Court'.
 30. *Before* 'continues', *omit* 'still'.
 133, 4. *For* 'in', *read* 'at'.
 6. *For* 'presumed', *read* 'esteemed'.
 7. *Before* 'of that part', *insert* 'of the present state'.
 9. *Read* 'in which'.
 12. *Read* 'interviews'.
 13. *For* 'totally', *read* 'directly'.
 135, 21-22. *Read* 'M. d'Esterno (M. de Vergenne's relation)'.
 160, n. *For* 'repeated' *read* 'repealed'.
 257, n. *Read* 'Court of Berlin'.
 261, l. 24. *Read* 'This loan, notwithstanding'.