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The 4,000,000. of french Livres, mentioned N. 82. were transmitted to London by the following deep-laid Device. Franklyn remitted part of that Sum to Hambourgh and part to Antwerp, with instructions to his Correspondents in those two Towns to purchase at Amsterdam certain Stock to that amount in the English Funds. The Dutch Merchants immediately ordered Stock to that amount to be sold-out here, and that Stock so sold, was delivered to certain Stock-Brokers here, for the use of certain persons who were supposed to have given a valuable consideration for it in Amsterdam.

Franklyn had early notice of the Emperor's journey to Antwerp & the real object of it. It was but last week he learned that the Duke of G. was to be charged with secret instructions to the Emperor: in consequence of which, he hath employ'd a Frenchman some time residing at Brussels on account of a Duel to get every possible intelligence of the interview and interparlance between the Emperor & his royal Highness. The method projected by Franklyn is for this Spy to get himself conceal'd in the Chimney, or behind the Arras of the Room, in which the Emperor & his royal Highness shall from time to time hold their secret conference. Money is not to be spared on this account.

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It is again humbly submitted to your Majesty's royal Will and pleasure, whether Lord North should not issue the requisite Sum to the amanuensis, as mentioned in Numero 82, and whether it would not be highly for your Majesty's Service that a certain number of Copies of the Constitution should not be immediately sent to Bristol, York, the nine Petitioning Counties, to Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dublin, more especially as Opposition intend to bring Mr. Burke's plan of Reform again on the Carpet, the next Session of Parliament.

