

who having chosen the *English* for their protectors surrender'd their country to them; this just title of the *English* being corroborated by the treaty of *Utrecht*, by which the *French* king declared "the five nations or cantons of *Indians* subject to the dominion of *Great-Britain*," the boundary-line of their country runing thus; begining at *St. Johns* falls upon the river *Iroquois*, called *Richlieu* by the *French*, it runs thence across the great river of *Iroquois* or *Cadaraqui*, a little to the westward of the isle of *Montreal*; thence to the river *Utawas*, along whose banks it passeth into the latitude of about 46 degrees, and continues its course westward till it reaches the north end of the lake *Michigan*; thence runing southward along the eastern shore of that lake to its end, it extends thence nearly in the same course till it joins *Illinois* river, whose banks it accompanieth to its fall into the *Mississipi*, in about 39½ degrees of latitude, 1170 miles distant from its mouth. The *French* had long unjustly maintained some scattered out-posts in this country, to protect their encroachments, and their traffic with the *Indians*; but right they had none, and therefore they could not convey any to us; and if the proposals made in 1746 had been carried into execution these out-posts would have been cut off.

As to the country lying northward of the boundary line aforementioned, extending so far nearly in the latitude of 46 degrees, to use the expression of a *French* gentleman of good sense, it is fit for the habitation of bears and wolves only, and the author could never find that either *English* or *French* had good right to this country, or to that which extends thence westward to the river *Mississipi*; but be that as it will it appears to him not very material; for, after conversing freely with an intelligent *French* officer employed two years to explore the *Mississipi*, and receiving other information, and considering the dividing line between the two nations, if he had as much spare money to bestow upon a project as the duke of *Montague* expended upon *St. Lucia*, he