

‘ of the other conquests made by the Crown of Great  
 ‘ Britain, his Majesty reserves himself, till he shall  
 ‘ learn what are the Most Christian King’s desires in  
 ‘ that respect, which when he shall know, his Majesty  
 ‘ will open himself with perfect sincerity and good  
 ‘ faith.’

We see by this Memorial, the epochs which England required to determine the *Uti possidetis*, were farther distant by two months than those offered by France; and it was evident that as the enterprize against Belleisle had determined England to defer her answer with regard to the epochs, so the success of that expedition had made them resolve to fix the term of July for Europe, specified in the English Memorial, instead of May, which was proposed by the French memorial.

England made the epochs she assigned depend on two conditions. The first of those conditions departed both from the letter and the spirit of the Memorial of the 26th of March: for although France had proposed to treat of a peace separately with England, nevertheless his Majesty’s intention was not regulated by this principle of the negotiation, that peace could be concluded with England, without providing for the peace of Germany. In fact, the memorial of the 26th March, from which the Court of England drew such advantageous arguments, opened with this expression, *The Most Christian King is desirous that the particular peace of France with England should be united with the general peace of Europe.*

The second condition, with respect to discussing and settling the articles, so that they might be signed and ratified by the 1st of August, was very difficult to be fulfilled in regard to a War, which extended over the four quarters of the globe, this condition proposed by England not being known to France till the end of June.

France returned no specific answer to the Memorial of

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