

are subject to obstacles and unsurmountable objections, so as to render the possession of this Peninsula totally useless.

1. With regard to the proposition of granting the space of three years to all the French who inhabit the Peninsula, in order to withdraw from thence with their effects; it were depriving England of a very considerable number of useful subjects; should such a transmigration extend to the French who were settled there at the time of the treaty of Utrecht, and to their descendants.

By the fourteenth article of this treaty, the inhabitants have had, it is true, the liberty to retire with their moveables; but this time being expired these forty years, there is not the least reason for such a right to subsist at present, and it must be supposed that * those who have been willing to remain under the dominion of Great Britain, as well as their descendants born in the country, would not leave without much reluctance, their settlements, though even it were possible that the king of Great Britain could consent to so disadvantageous a proposition.

* These Inhabitants did not withdraw then, because they did not take it, that the country which they inhabited was comprehended in the cession; and the English themselves formed the same judgment, as appears from their not compelling them to acknowledge the King of England for their Sovereign.

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