

Then, in answer to the question asked by the court of London in its last memorial, concerning the intent of the armaments making by his majesty, it was not dissembled, that those which the British court had itself given publick notice of to all Europe, and which it had executed in part, had rendered the precautions taken by France necessary.

In sometime after, France condescended to yield further to difficulties formed by the court of London. She consented to adhere provisionally to matters as they stood immediately after the treaty of Utrecht; and the Duke de Mirepoix presented to his Britannick majesty's ministers the project of a preliminary convention; and there was no doubt made of the conditions proving acceptable *c.* The stipulations were, that both sovereigns should agree, to send orders for the suspension of all acts of violence on both sides: that the French and English should, provisionally, evacuate all the country situate between the Ohio and the Apalachian mountains; and that they should retire, those to this side the mountains, these to the other side the river. That all this country should, during the time of this convention, be considered as a neutral country, the frequenting which should not be allowable to either nation; that things should be re-established on the same footing they have been,

*c* See original Papers, No. 4.