

*A Collection of Papers, tending to vindicate the Conduct of the Court of France, in Answer to the Observations sent by the English Ministry, to the several Courts of Europe.*

PART the SECOND.

N U M B. I.

*A MEMORIAL delivered by the Duke de Mirepoix, to Sir Thomas Robinson, January the 15th, 1755.*

**A**S an immediate Prevention of the Consequences which may arise from the unexpected Differences in the several Colonies of *North-America*, and the Hostilities which attended them, is a Matter of the utmost Importance, the King proposes to his *Britannick* Majesty, that, previous to an Enquiry into the Foundation and Circumstances of this Dispute, positive Orders should be sent to our respective Governors; to forbid their engaging from henceforth in any new Enterprize, or committing any Acts of Violence: On the Contrary, to enjoin them without Delay, to establish Matters in the same Situation with Respect to the Territory of *Ohio* or *La Belle-Riviere*, in which they were, or ought to have been, before the last War; and that the respective Pretension should be amicably submitted to the Commission appointed at *Paris*, to the End that the Differences between the two Courts may be terminated by a speedy Reconciliation.

The King is likewise desirous, in order to remove every uneasy Impression, and to make his Subjects perfectly happy in the Enjoyment of the inestimable Blessings of Peace, that his *Britannick* Majesty would be open and explicit with Regard to the Cause and Destination of the Armament last raised in *England*.

The King has too great a Confidence in the Uprightness of his *Britannick* Majesty's Intentions, not to expect that he will give his free and ready Concurrence to Propositions so conducive to the Establishment of Peace, to the Support of the publick Tranquility, and a good Harmony between our two Courts.

Sign'd, Duke de MIREPOIX.

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