

was, that Great Britain and Spain should retain their possessions in America, and prevent the French having more footing there. The French, and all other nations, are now left in possession of the right to settle in South America; and Great Britain, after being stripped of Campeachy, Honduras, and the Mosquito kingdom, and all the very valuable parts of the eastern coast of North America, is reduced to this peculiar predicament, with a navy equipt that, well directed, would have obtained substantial justice, and restoration of all that has been so ignominiously, and without any conceivable cause, or equivalent, been relinquished to the Spaniards.

How this right of settlement came to be involved with our demand of Nootka, and our freedom of navigation and fishery, is not explained. It is an important right, that, consistent with the honour of the crown, interest and dignity of the nation, cannot be alienated from the present or future kings and generations.

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