

them of their territories, appropriate them to one's self; this is what is not, what cannot be authorised by any pretension, not even by the most uncertain one of all, viz. convenience: such are notwithstanding, the forts of Frederic, Niagara, the Presqu-Isle, Ox-river, and all those which have been built on the Ohio, and on the adjacent lands.

Whatever pretext might be alledged by France, in considering these countries as the appurtenances of Canada; it is a certain truth that they have belonged, and (as they have not been given up or made over to the English) belong still to the same Indian nations, which by the fifteenth article of the treaty of Utrecht, France agreed not to molest, *nullo in posterum impedimento aut molestia afficiant.* *

6. It has been already proved that France has, by the express words of the said treaty, fully and absolutely acknowledged the Iroquois as subjects of Great Britain. It would

* What? The English go to war for the Iroquois on whose heads they have set a price, and whom they consider this time as their enemies! If these countries never ceased to belong to the Savages, why do they now disturb all Europe, in order to render these Indians a service which they do not demand, and at which they are even offended. We might say to the English, Why do you not abandon the Iroquois who abandon you? Was it necessary that M. Braddock should lose his life to serve such friends: it is true, the Savages themselves do not look on the zeal of the English as a disinterested instance of Friendship.

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