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*To so much of the foregoing LETTER as concerns
the Public, &c.*

The INTRODUCTION.

A Paper published in last Monday's *New-York Mercury*, being in a particular Manner directed to me, I am obliged, in Justice to my own Character, and for the Satisfaction of the Public, to give Answer to so much thereof, as relates to four Points.

1. WHETHER *the Virginia Solicitations for the landing the European Troops in that Colony, in order from thence to make a Descent upon Fort Du QUESNE, be not to the last Degree absurd*; which the Author asserts, upon the Authority of my Map; is true in itself, and agreeable to any Intimation of mine; or not.

2. WHETHER *the Preservation of Oswego was owing to General SHIRLEY's proceeding thither*, as the Letter Writer asserts; is true or not.

3. WHETHER *Frontenac* is of the Importance the Author represents it; or not.

4. WHETHER a Passage in the Analysis of my General Map, which runs thus: "The *French* being in Possession of Fort *Frontenac* at the Peace of *Ryfwick*, which they attained during their War with the Confederates, gives them an undoubted Title to the Acquisition of the North-West Side of *St. Laurence River*, from thence to their Settlement at *Montreal*, †" † P. 14. is true, as I thought it was, or false, as this Author asserts.

I must premise an Apology, that as this Paper was published, when the Author knew I was in *New-York*, and of course must be destitute of the Papers and Books, necessary to carry on a Controversy so deeply founded as the latter Article, and the sudden Departure of a Ship now going to *England*, to carry the Charges against me, not admitting me time enough to go or
send.