

measures, while they are here equally upbraided by France for pursuing these—This it is to be ministers of Britain in affairs with France!

III. After what has been said, there is no occasion to insist upon the negotiations, and evasions of them by our ministry, alledged by the court of France, in the sequel of this their memorial. They had brought the court of Britain into a long and tedious negotiation of seven years about those disputes in America, till they had seized all the countries in dispute, even in the course of the negotiation; and now they wanted to draw them into another like negotiation, till they could secure themselves in those places they had seized, or be better prepared for doing it; which was plainly the scope and drift of all their negotiations. For this reason, when our ministry came to the point with them, and the only point in dispute, to settle the limits between the two nations in America, and make them evacuate the territories they had so unlawfully seized, altho' they would have given up part of the undoubted rights of Britain for the sake of peace, yet all the answer they could get from France, by their own confession, was an absolute refusal of the just proposals of Britain; *Cette réponse étoit un refus absolu d'y souscrire*, page 43.

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