

Southern Bank of the River St. *Lawrence*, should belong to no Body, but should remain uninhabited.

On these Conditions his *Britannic* Majesty was willing to commit the Decision of his other Claims to the Commissaries of the two Crowns.

By that Means the Court of *London* rendered the Preliminary Negotiation as long, and subject to as many Difficulties, as the principal One, which was all that it desired. The Court of *France*, sensible that Proposals so different from those first made, only tended to prevent the Conclusion of a preliminary Agreement, insisted on the Necessity of beginning, before all Things, with giving Orders to prevent all Hostilities, and to put a Stop to all Violences. It was also proposed, that the two Courts should mutually communicate to each other, the Orders they gave; but with this Proposal, so just and equitable, the *British* Ministers absolutely refused to comply, in the Answer^s they sent to the Duke de *Mirepoix*, the 6th of *April*, 1755.

There was therefore a Necessity to return and combat that Plan of Agreement, on which the *English* Ministry so much insisted. It was easy to prove, that the preliminary Agreement which *England* demanded, began with absolutely deciding, to the Prejudice of *France*, that Controversy, which his *Britannic* Majesty had formerly promised to refer to Commissaries. By that Plan, the *French* irretrievably lost all Trade with *Canada* by the River St. *John*, the King was stripped of the Property of the three Lakes, which had always been looked on as Part of *New-France*, and the River St. *Lawrence*, which is the Center of *Canada*, became the Boundary of that Colony. All these Things were discussed in a Letter of the 13th of *April*, 1755[†], by which the *French* Minister informed the Duke de *Mirepoix* of his Majesty's Intentions, and his Answer to the Plan proposed by *England*, which was an absolute Refusal to agree thereto.

On the 24th of *April*, 1755, the *British* Ministers sent the Ambassador of *France*, a sort of an Answer to

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