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The marquis du Quesne refused to accept the offers of a nation, always cruel in their vengeance. He made at first no doubt but that the English would disown the violence, and would charge it to the ferocious disposition of some traders; but since it was made appear, that nothing was done but by the orders of the governors of the English colonies.* Major Washington's journal can be produced in the original; where it appears, that he acted only by virtue of the precise orders he had received. From this it is plain, that to attack the French where-ever they were to be found was a measure at that very time resolved on.

The sieur de Contre-Cœur, having received no satisfaction from the English, and being furnished with the marquis du Quesne's Instructions, applied himself to find out the place where the assassins had retired to. He was informed, that major Washington was with his detachment in a small fort, which the English had built, and was by them called the fort of Necessity; where they waited the arrival of a fresh supply of troops, designed for the attack of fort du Quesne. He therefore sent out a detachment, in order to take,

* See original Papers, No. viii.