

was made appear, in a reply delivered to the court of London, the 6th of February, that the medium proposed by his Majesty was the only expedient that could prevent some disagreeable troubles. This method was proved to be agreeable to the engagements contracted by the treaty of Aix la Chapelle; to the measures taken since that era, and the terms demanded by England itself, in 1750 and 1751. And indeed whereas the object of the commission agreed to by the court of London, was to determine the sense of the articles XII. and XIII. of the treaty of Utrecht, the execution of these articles, could not be considered as the basis of the negociation. That were making a principle of conduct, and a certain rule of the very question, that was submitted to the decision of commissaries.

It was therefore proposed by his Majesty :
1st, That orders should be sent by both kings to the respective governors, to forbear all acts of violence and every new enterprize.

2. That matters should be restored to the same state in which they were, or ought to have been in, before the late war, all over North America; agreeable to the eleventh article of the treaty of Aix la Chapelle.

3. That, agreeable to the eighteenth article of the same treaty, his Britannick majesty should apprise the commissaries, sitting at Paris, of his pretensions; and the foundations on which they were built.

Then