

“ ship lately concluded at *Aix la Chapelle*, which I shall on my part strictly observe in every point.”

“ As to what you have thought fit to declare, Sir, in your letter concerning your intentions to support the *Indians* in acts of hostility against us, unless we give them peace upon the terms there prescribed by you, and the danger which the frontiers of the *Massachusetts Bay* in particular may be in, unless you have a speedy and positive answer upon this head; what I have to say in answer is, that I shall be sorry for a new rupture between us, and am very desirous to have perfect tranquillity restored to the province under my government; but if the latter is not to be the case, and you think fit to make yourself a party in an *Indian* war against us; I doubt not but his majestys subjects upon this continent will be able to make just reprisals upon *Canada*, when it shall be his majestys pleasure to have them do it.

“ I can't avoid expressing great surprize at the other parts of your letter, whereby you take upon you to call Mr. *Mascarene* to account for expelling the missionary from *Minas*, for being guilty of such treasonable practices within his majestys government as merited a much severer punishment than that of expulsion from the province.”

“ The right you claim of sending missionaries from *France* to reside among his majestys subjects of *Nova Scotia* as their priests, and in consequence of that your forbidding his majestys governor to make any alteration in the state of religion and its ministers there, is still more extraordinary; and I must not omit upon this occasion to remark to you that I think the letter which the bishop of *Quebec* lately wrote to Mr. *Mascarene* concerning his intended visitation of his majestys subjects in that government in such terms as shewed he looks upon them as part of his cure of souls, and within his jurisdiction, was likewise an extraordinary attempt, and can't be admitted.”