

their Navy. And altho' they have no Right to any Lands on the South-Sides of either of those Lakes and Rivers but what they most treacherously usurped in the several Times of Peace, by making Incursions upon our several Indian Allies, when not properly assisted by us; and which Settlements they have brought to be so near and closely situated to our Settlements of Nova-Scotia, New-England, New-York, the Jerseys, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, and Georgia, that they are continually annoying us either by open Hostilities, or by spiriting up some of the Indians in Alliance with them to make Incursions upon our Colonies and our Indian Allies, in which they murder, scalp, and plunder our poor innocent and industrious Planters; and tho' also those Indians are always headed by French Officers, and mixed with some French Regular Troops, and not only furnished with Arms and Ammunition gratis, but rewarded by the French for every Encroachment they make either upon us or our Indian Allies: Yet they dare not face us upon that Continent in Time of War, because our Colonies are much more numerous in White People than their's, and our Lands more fertile both in Kind and Grain, and their's a more poor Soil and colder Climate; which makes them more covetous of extending their pretended Limits into our Colonies, and to possess themselves of some or all our Sea-ports, the Navigation to our Colonies being clear and open all the Year round, and their's but a little in Summer, and that very difficult, by which we can serve all the Indians with the Commodities they want near Fifty per Cent. cheaper, and more especially as the Produce and Manufactures of our Country are what all those Indians chiefly require. Therefore, the French have been using all the perfidious Arts in their Power, ever since their first Settlement in that Continent, to get Possession of our Colonies, as may be seen by looking back into the Behaviour of LEWIS the XIVth. This ambitious and perfidious Prince, finding that he could not obtain Universal Monarchy by all the Efforts he could make in Europe, conceived that the only Way left to attain it was to possess himself of our Colonies upon the Continent of America; nei-
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