

and *Du Quesne*, governors of Canada, with those to *Contrecoeur* and *St. Pierre*, their generals on the *Ohio*, as they have the orders given to general *Braddock*, how necessary would those his orders appear to have been, that were only the consequence of those given before to the French commanders, and of their open hostilities.

And even in these proceedings the moderation and pacific measures of the court of Britain, that are otherways well known, must appear to all, who are any way acquainted with the situation of affairs in America. The true interest of Britain was without doubt to have sent their troops directly to *Crown-Point* and *Niagara*, instead of ordering them to the river *Ohio*, acrols all the mountains of *Virginia*, in which the greatest part of them perished. But as those places had been in the hands of the French for some time, the court of Britain endeavoured to avoid any unnecessary umbrage that might be given to France, by dispossessing them of those places abruptly, till the disputes relating to them could be more amicably accommodated; which so appears to have been the reason of undertaking that expedition to fort *du Quesne* in 1754, instead of going directly to *Niagara*, which we saw to be necessary the next spring: for which our ministry have been so much blamed by this nation, in not pursuing more vigorous mea-