

“ the latter have acknowledged themselves
 “ ever since the Treaty of *Utrecht*, to be the
 “ Subjects of the Crown of *Great Britain* by
 “ taking the Oaths of Fidelity and Allegiance
 “ to it; and have had the Protection of his
 “ Majesty’s Government in common with his
 “ other Subjects in that Province: this being
 “ the case, these *Indians* when the Advice of
 “ a Rupture between his Majesty and the King
 “ your Master was hourly expected, under the
 “ Pretext of sending a Deputation to Mr. *Mas-*
 “ *carene*, to desire they might remain in Peace
 “ and Amity with the *English*, notwithstanding
 “ War should happen between the two
 “ Crowns, gained Admission into *Annapolis*
 “ *Royal* for some of their Tribe, who were in
 “ reality (as it afterwards proved) Spies; and
 “ having obtained Mr. *Mascarene*’s Agreement
 “ to what they pretended to propose in behalf
 “ of their Tribe, and being honourably treat-
 “ ed and dismissed by him, returned in three
 “ Weeks after, among others of their Tribe
 “ with the Missionary *De Loutre* at their Head,
 “ surprized and killed as many of the *English*
 “ at *Annapolis Royal*, as they caught without
 “ the Fort, destroyed their Cattle, burnt their
 “ Houses, and continued Acts of Hostility
 “ against the Garrison, till the arrival of the
 “ first Party of Succours which I sent it from
 “ *New England*; such was the Entrance of
 “ these *Indians*, Sir, into the War with us,
 “ and their *Alliance* with you.

“ For