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have suffered; and lastly, that the persons who have committed these excesses, be punished in such a manner as might serve for an example to those, who should venture on any like attempt."

Though these remonstrances and complaints were founded upon the most notorious acts of hostility; they produced no other effect than the release of the 3 prisoners at Rochelle. No restitution, nor reparation of damages was ever made, or intended by France for the losses sustained by the British subjects. And the French court were so far from calling Jonquiere to an account, or restraining him from pursuing his encroachments, that he was encouraged to complete the usurpations he had begun on the back of all our provinces in North America: for he had prepared a considerable army for that service, and was, when death prevented him in March 1752, to execute his intentions for that purpose: and it might have convinced the British ministry of the insincerity of the court of France in all their answers to our grievances, that the blame did not rest upon M. de la Jonquiere; for, his successor M. du Quesne was immediately dispatched with the same instructions; and did not abate, in the least, the diligence, with which his predecessor had spread the terror of the French power in that vast continent; and carried their encroachments every day further and further; confiding in their success of deceiving the British court with fair promises.

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