

But such an Apprehension falls of itself, since the King of *Great-Britain*, in Conformity to the *French* King's Desire, agrees to submit the Regulation of the Limits of *Nova-Scotia* to Commissioners, according to its ancient Bounds, as also the Limits and the Right of Possession of the several Islands and Countries in *America*, which have been in Dispute between the two Nations; nor can it be supposed the King would extend Settlements, which must of Necessity, be attended with vast Expence, in a Part of the Province he has not a clear and undoubted Right to.

As the Limits, therefore, of *Nova-Scotia*, are to be submitted to the Examination of Commissioners, it is needless to answer here all the Assertions contained in the Memorial of Mr. *Durand* upon that Head. Mr. *Durand* has also lightly touched in his Memorial, on the Plan projected by Governor *Dobbs*, as tending to incroach upon the Trade which the *French* have with the *Indians* towards the North of *Canada*, and to extend the *British* Settlements in those Parts, to the Prejudice of the Rights of his most *Christian* Majesty; he did not enter into Particulars thereupon, the Objects of the said Plan not being sufficiently known in *France*.

But it would be very easy to give the Court of *France* an intire Satisfaction on that Article, assuring them that this Plan, which was debated in Parliament, had absolutely no other Intention, than to open an exclusive Commerce to the whole Nation, which had been practised a long Time by a privileged Company, under a private Patent; and that only, with an Intent to extend a general Trade in those Parts, and not to enlarge the Possessions of the Nation, at the Expence of any other.

But as this Plan was not approved of in Parliament, it is now laid aside, and consequently out of the Question; nevertheless, had it been put in Execution, it cannot be conceived, how it could have given the Court of *France* the least Grounds of Complaint, as it had only a Relation to an Affair that concerned the Subjects of the Kingdom alone; that is to say, Whether a Trade, a long Time practised

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