

and Advantage to the Crown ; to which I add, that they will be more so than ever in a few Years, to strengthen the *British* Empire in *America* against the formidable Settlement of *Loisiana*, which for some Years past has been carry'd on by the *French* with great Expence, and with the utmost Vigour and Application. This Country was given by the late *French* King to the *Sieur Croizat*, but is now (as every Body knows) in the famous *Mississippi* Company, who have a Fund of an Hundred Millions of Livres for this very Purpose, and are daily sending over a vast Number of People for Tillage, as well as all Sorts of Artificers, with proper Materials for making a Settlement. It is situate on the great River of *Mississippi*, and by Help of the superiour Lakes and Rivers, on some of which the *French* have already erected Fortresses, a Communication may be made between *New-France* and the Gulph of *Mexico*, which indeed was the very Scheme of the *French* Court in projecting this Enterprize, as is expressly declar'd in the Preamble to *Croizat's* Patent. 'Tis easy then to see, that the *French* will be hereby enabled to draw a Line, and in Time have a Chain of Towns on the Back of all our Colonies, from the Borders of *Cape Breton* to the Westermost Part of *Carolina*. And what *Briton* can consider this, without being in Pain for the Fate of our Provinces in future Times ? Especially since we know that the *Minois*, and other warlike *Indian* Nations, lye near the *French*, and for many Reasons, which it would be too much a Digression to recount here, are devoted to their Interest, and by Consequence ready at all Times to join their Forces in any Attempt against us.

THIS being the Case, I think, with humble Submission, it is very preposterous to amuse our selves with vain, maginary Prospects of what is scarce possible to come to pass, and neglect doing what is absolutely necessary ; I mean, the enlarging and supporting our Provinces, that they may be able to defend themselves against being one Day totally extirpated by a foreign Power. And then I have only to suggest an old approved Maxim, *That every Thing is best preserved by the same Principles by which it was at first form'd*, and consequently the best Method of encouraging the *Charter* Colonies is, to preserve their Privileges inviolate, without which they had never been settled.

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