

can never give it up. The countries possessed by these Indians are very well known, and are not at all so undetermined as it is pretended in the memorial; they possess and make them over as other proprietors do in all other places.

2. Great Britain has never pretended that the country wherein an Indian might make a transient residence, belonged to the crown whose friend or subject he should be.

3. However free and independent the Savages in question may be (which is * a point the court of Great Britain will not discuss *) they cannot be considered otherwise than subjects of Great Britain, and treated as such by France in particular; since she has solemnly engaged by the treaty of Utrecht, renewed and confirmed in the best manner by that of Aix la Chapelle, to consider them as such; the nature of things is not changed § by the treaty of Utrecht. The same people; the same country, always exist: but the acknowledgement made by France of the subjection of the Iroquois to Great Britain, is an everlasting proof of her right in this respect, which can never be disputed by France.

* They are right in that: However, this point is decisive. For if the Savages are Independent, it follows that they are not subjects of England.

§. They mean, doubtless, to say (since).