

6th, It has been already proved, that *France* has, by the express Words of the said Treaty, fully and absolutely acknowledged the *Iroquois* to be the Subjects of *Great-Britain*. It would not have been so difficult as is pretended in the Memorial, to agree upon the Subjection of the other *Indians*, if among so many Commissions as have been issued to regulate this Point, there had been a mutual Disposition to come to a Conclusion. The Acts of these Commissions have sufficiently discovered the true Reasons which have obstructed the Execution of the 15th Article of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, without having Recourse to such an imaginary Supposition, as, that the Treaty was not capable of being executed; a Supposition, which is manifestly destroyed by the Treaty itself with Respect to the *Iroquois* Nations.

ARTICLE III.

Concerning the Course and Territory of Ohio.

Notwithstanding all that is advanced upon this Article, the Court of *Great-Britain* cannot admit that *France* has the least Title to the *River Ohio*, and the Territory in Question; even that of Possession neither can nor ought to be alledged on this Point, since *France* cannot pretend to have had any before the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, nor since, unless it be that some Forts unjustly erected in the last Place, upon Lands which evidently belong to the *Five-Nations**, or which they have transferred to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, or its Subjects, which may be proved from *Treaties*†, and the most authentic *Acts*.

The Title which *France* seems most to insist upon, is the Use made of this for Communication between *Canada* and *Louisiana*; but, in Fact, they have never made any Use of it, unless it was occasionally or secretly, and, as perhaps

require, nay, with which they are offended? Or may we not ask *England*, why do not you abandon the *Iroquois*, who have already abandoned you? Must the Blood of *M. Braddock* be spilt in the Service of such Friends? Certain it is that the *Indians* themselves do not look upon the friendly Zeal of the *English* as disinterested.

*The *English* all along plead nothing but the Interest and Right of the *Five-Nations*. † *England*, perhaps, will publish these *Treaties* as usual.