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HIS *Britannic* Majesty hath caused to be sent to most of the Courts of *Europe*, a Pamphlet, entitled, "Observations on the Memorial of *France*, with an Intention to confute the Reasons upon which the King hath founded his Requisition of the 21st of *December* last, and thereby to justify the Refusal made by *England*, of restoring to *France* her Vessels taken in full Peace."

A Refusal so inconsistent both with that natural Justice which constitutes the Law of Nations, as well as those pacific Views to which his *Britannic* Majesty hath always professed an invariable Adherence, could admit of no Colour, but the Imputation of Hostilities to *France*, antecedent to those Captures. To weaken the Impression, which the Outrages committed by the *English* Navy for a Year past, must make on the Powers abroad, it was necessary to be proved, or at least maintained, that the *French* were the Aggressors: Such accordingly is the principal Fact advanced in these Observations. They are intended to evince, that the *French* have committed Hostilities in *America*, which have obliged the Court of *London*, to seek Redress by just Reprisals.

To these Imputations, the Court of *France* will only oppose the most simple View of what has passed between the two Nations, whether in *Europe* or *America*, since the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*. The Sovereigns have for Judges, the Age in which they live, and Posterity: It is the Province of impartial History alone, to arraign their Conduct, as it alone can defend them.

To put the Recital of such important Facts beyond the Power of Censure, nothing shall be advanced which is not
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