

Confirmed by
the Treaty of
Breda 1667.

Dutch Miles of Delaware River; and on the other Side, ten *English Miles* to the Eastward of *North-River*, by Capitulation the 16th of *September* 1664 §. This Province, which then obtained the Name of *NEW-YORK*, called by the *Dutch*, while in their Possession, *THE NEW NETHERLANDS*, was by the third Article of the Treaty of *Breda*, *July* 31, 1667, confirmed to the *English*, as *Surinam* was to the *Dutch*. This Article recites, ‘ That ‘ they should each respectively keep whatever Places they had taken by ‘ Force of Arms or otherwise, and were in Possession of the 20th of *May* ‘ foregoing.’*

French Treat-
ty of Breda,

equivalent to
a Treaty of
Confirmation.

French Right
to land South-
east of St.
Laurence.

At the Time that this Treaty was made with the *Dutch*, another was executed with the *French* at the same Place. By the second Article a General Peace was established. By the fourth, a Freedom of Commerce. And by the twelfth, express Mention is made of the Places that should be restored by the *French* to the Crown of *England*; that is, *Antegoa* and *Montserat*. And the *English* promised to restore whatever Places they had taken, and the *French* had been in Possession of, the 1st of *January* 1665 †. This I esteem equivalent to a Treaty of Confirmation; because if Places taken are to be restored, those not lost are to be implied to be confirmed, or at least it amounts to an Acquiescence of the other Party. The 1st of *January* 1665, the *English* had been in Possession of *New-York* near four Months, and had assumed to fulfil with the *Confederates* whatever had been engaged by the *Dutch*. And the *French* at the same Time had two or three considerable Townships on the South-east Side of *St. Laurence* River, and as many Sconces between *Montreal* and *Riviere St. Francis*. Upon this Point I found my Opinion of the *French's* extending thereabouts to this Side of *St. Laurence*. For those Parts have never been given to us by any subsequent Treaty. But Countries in the actual Possession of the *French* have been confirmed to them by the fourth Article of the Treaty of *Ryfwick*, and the *French* have had Possession of those Parts above 130 Years.

Charles II.
secret Treaty.

A secret Treaty followed with *France* in 1670, for the Destruction of the *Dutch*, and was put in Execution by a Declaration of War of King *Charles* II. against the *States*, *March* 27, 1672, while *Lewis* XIV. invaded the United Provinces with a vast Army and amazing Progress.

The first Es-
tablishment of
the French at
Frontenac.

During this intimate Union of Purposes between the Crowns of *England* and *France*, and while the *French* were in Amity with the *Confederates*, Count *Frontenac*, Governor of *Canada* in 1672, prevailed with the *Conse-*

§ All the Dates here are reduced to the New Stile.

* N. B. There are two Commas [“”] prefixed to full Quotations, and one only to Extracts or Abridgements.

† 12. ‘ The most Christian King shall restore *Antegoa* and *Montserat*.’ “ And the King “ of *Great-Britain* shall reciprocally restore and give up to the most Christian King in the “ Form already expressed, all the Islands, Countries, Fortresses and Colonies, in what Part “ of the World soever they are situated, which he was in Possession of before the first of “ *January* 1665, and which might have been taken from him by the Arms of the King of “ *Great-Britain* before or after the signing of the present Treaty.”

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