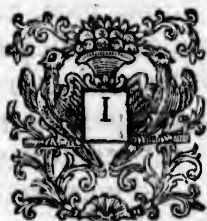


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It is sufficiently known, that at that ever-memorable peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, in which France had the modesty to demand, and Great Britain the meekness to yield hostages, the limits of our possessions in America, were referred to a future decision. Those limits too had been by the treaty of Utrecht left undetermined, and litigable at a time, when nothing could have hindered their being peremptorily settled, but the grossest, supinest negligence on our side, and that rage of patching up a peace in a hurry, which (circumstances considered) would have then been less wondered at in the French, than in the English,

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