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“ to draw them off from our Alli-
“ ance---and enters unreasonable
“ Claims, utterly inconsistent with
“ the Safety and Prosperity of our
“ Infant-Colonies. To lull us asleep
“ he made Sham-Pretences of settling
“ a Line between the *French* and
“ *English* Territories in *America* :
“ Commissioners were appointed ;
“ much Time and Money spent in
“ fruitless Negotiations at the Court
“ of *France* : Which answered no
“ End, unless to convince every Body,
“ that he never had a Design of set-
“ tling it any otherwise than by the
“ Sword : And, for a Decision this
“ way, he has made the most artful
“ and diligent Preparation: It is
“ now sufficiently known, that the
“ *French* have been fortifying them-
“ selves on our back Parts ; laying
“ in great Quantities of Provision,
“ and Magazines of warlike Stores,
“ as if they had actually concluded
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