

The French Governors of *Canada* contented themselves at first with acquainting them, that they were within the Territory of *France*; and enjoined them not to return there, under Penalty of having their Effects seized, and being made Prisoners. The Traitors, however, returned; their Goods were confiscated, and sold, and they were personally arrested, taken to *Quebec*, and from thence to *France*, where they were thrown into Prison at *Rockelle*. No Reclaim- or Complaint was made by the Court of *London*; they were looked upon as Contraband Traders, whom their Avarice had exposed to the Hazards of an illicit Commerce.

After having thus firmly established the Right and Possession of the *French*, on the River and Territory of *Ohio*, it ought to be considered as a very convincing Proof of their Love of Peace, that they are most ready and willing to stipulate, that all the Territory between the *Ohio* and the *Mountains*, which bound *Virginia*, shall remain neutral; and that all Commerce in, or Passage thro' the same, shall be prohibited as well to the *French* as the *English*.

ARTICLE IV.

Concerning the Islands in Dispute.

THE Islands in Question, are those of *St. Lucia*, *Dominica*, *St. Vincent* and *Tobago*. We are not afraid to assert, that the Commissaries of *France* have demonstrated to the last Degree of Evidence, that the Island of *St. Lucia* belongs to the King their Master; and that those of *St. Vincent* and *Dominica* ought to belong to the *Indians* or *Caraibs*, under the Protection of his Majesty.

These Commissaries have made no Memorial concerning the Island of *Tobago*; but it is no less easy to demonstrate the Legality of the *French* Claim to this Island. The Court of *France* therefore at the same Time that they offer to sacrifice in Favour of *England*, what is above-mentioned in this Memorial, must insist that their Right of Property in the Islands of *St. Lucia* and *Tobago*, be acknowledged; and that the Islands of *St. Vincent* and *Dominica* be left to the *Indians* or *Caraibs*, under the Protection of his Most Christian Majesty. Signed, DUKE DE MIREPOIX.

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