

As the *English* made no Satisfaction to M. *Contiecaur*, he, upon receiving Instructions from the Marquis du *Quesne*, endeavoured to discover the Place where the Murderers had retired to. He was informed that Major *Washington*, with his Detachment, was in a little Fort which the *English* had built, and called Fort *Necessity*, where he waited the Arrival of some new Troops that were destined to come and attack Fort du *Quesne*. He thereupon sent out a Detachment to recover, if possible, the *French* Prisoners, or at least to oblige the *English* to withdraw from the Lands belonging to the *French*. M. *de Villiers*, the Brother of M. *de Jumonville*, was charged with that Commission, and the Instructions given him were entirely confined to that. He was also expressly commanded, not to use any Violence, if the *English* would withdraw.

He left Fort du *Quesne* the 28th of *June*, and having passed the Place where the Murder was committed, and where the Bodies of the *French* still lay; he arrived the third of *July*, in Sight of Fort *Necessity*. The *English*, who were without the Fort, fired a Volley, and retired into it. The Fort was immediately invested, and attacked: The Fire was very hot, but M. *Villiers* put a Stop to it about eight o'Clock at Night, in order to propose to the *English* a Surrender, to avoid an Assault, which would have exposed them to all the Cruelties of the *Indians*, even in Spight of the *French*. The Proposal was accepted, and the Capitulation drawn up. The *French* would not make them Prisoners, because they did not look on themselves as at War. They only demanded, that those who escorted M. *Jumonville* should be returned. Major *Washington* engaged to send them to Fort du *Quesne*, and gave Hostages for the Performance of his Promise. In fine, the *English* were suffered to depart with one Piece of Cannon, and all their Effects. § They themselves acknowledged, in the first Article of that Capitulation, that the Design of the *French* was only to revenge the Assassination of a French Officer, the Carrier of a Summons. The Ca-

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