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with proper instructions on the respective heads of complaint against those acts of violence; so contrary to the letter and tenor of the late treaty, and to the conduct of Great Britain. And by this time the storm, which had seemed gathering in the North, on which depended the final resolution of the French ministry, in regard to the measures they were to keep with Great Britain, being blown over, or rather prevented by the vigilance, activity and strength of the King of Prussia, whose destruction appears to have been threatened by a treaty signed, about this time, between Vienna and Petersburg; though the Czarina's intermeddling with the succession of Sweden, and its form of government was the public pretence for so many armaments; they took the shortest way to exculpate themselves to our Ambassador, by absolutely disavowing the proceedings, of their Governor Caylus, on Tobago, &c. and of their Commander in Acadia; and further the French ministry promised, that, if it should be proved that any thing of such a nature was in agitation, immediate orders should be given to put a stop thereunto. And in order to induce a belief of their sincerity in this declaration, they indirectly accused the Governor of Barbadoes's account of fiction or misrepresentation, by assuring our minister, that no body had been sent to Tobago from Mar-

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by France.

* Importing, that if either power shall be attacked in any part of its dominions, by christians, or infidels, the other shall immediately march 50,000 auxiliaries according to the terms stipulated in the convention.