

than the confidence which you repose in me. It is the most acceptable return you could make to me; and you may be assured, shall be made use of only for your good: the preservation of your religion, liberties, and independency, is, and always shall be, my great aim; and I trust you will not be wanting to yourselves.

A. D.
1756.

In this sessions of parliament a bill for establishing a regular and well-disciplined militia passed the house of commons; and though it did not meet with the same success in the house of lords, who threw it out at the third reading; it was recommended to the members of both houses to take the sense of the people on it, in their respective neighbourhoods, during the recess of parliament, that an effectual act might pass for that purpose at their next meeting.

Soon after^b the French King thought proper also to make a formal declaration of war; in which he concealed and evaded all the hostilities committed by his governors and commanders in the distant parts of the world, and fully set forth in this history, before the year 1754: which take in his own words.

The French King's declaration of war against Great Britain.

IT is known to all Europe, that the King of French England, in the year 1754, was the aggressor King's de-
claration of
war against
Great Bri-
tain. in the contests concerning the settlements in North America; and that in the month of June last, the

^b On the 9th of June.