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Of PAPERS,

Tending to vindicate the Conduct of the Court of France, in Answer to the Observations sent by the English Ministry to the several Courts of Europe.

PART the FIRST, NUMB. I.

An Extract of a Memorial from the British Court, deliver'd to the French Ambassador the 24th July, 1749, in Answer to that which was sent from the French King, relating to the Settlements projected by England.

IS Majesty the King of Great-Britain, having considered the Memorial which was presented to the Duke of Bedford, the 7th of last Month, concerning Nova-Scotia, by Mr. Durand, one of the Ministers of his most Christian Majesty, at the Court of England, ordered, That the different Observations which appear necessary to be made on the said Memorial, be represented in the following Manner to the said M. Durand.

The two Points concerning which, the most Christian King demands an Explanation; to wit, The Settlement of Acadia, or Nova-Scotia, and the Project attributed to Governor Dobbs, are in themselves, so little liable to any Objection from any Power whatsoever, that it will be easy to remove the bad Opinion, the Court of France may have conceived, by the sale Reports which may have been suggested to them on that Account.

The only Thing which might in Justice give Umbrage to the Court of France, would be an Apprehension founded on Reason, that the King had given Orders to extend the Settlements in Nova-Scotia, farther than his Majesty had a Right to do, by the 12th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht.

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