

ence over the Indians make what encroachments they please on our possessions? There are few instances, I take it, where the French in their treaties have been bubbled with things merely titular; they have generally secured to themselves something solid, or patch'd up terms speciously modest, but which they could break with impunity and advantage. That the possession of Canada simply, and the westward of the lakes, is merely titular, must appear to every man who will only cast his eye on the map of that country. He will there see that whoever possesses the dominion of lake Ontario and the pass at Niagara, must engross the whole furr trade. Niagara is the great and immediate mart for all those numerous tribes of Indians who inhabit the westward of the lakes, and whom we