North-America ; WHICH WAS DONE WITHOUT INTENTION TO OFFEND ANY POWER WHATEVER, OR TO DO ANY THING WHICH COULD INFRINGE THE GENERAL PEACE.

It was difficult to conceive, how the Treaty of *Utrecht* could be made uſe of, to ſettle the Rights of each Nation on the *Ohio* ; or how it was poſſible to demand, as previous to all Negociation, that the other Lands in Diſpute, ſhould be reſtored to the Condition in which they were at the Concluſion of that Treaty, and agreeable to the Stipulations which are therein contained. At the Time of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, the Poſſeſſion was in Favour of *France*, ſince it was *France* that ceded it.---And the Extent of that Ceſſion, and the Meaning of the Stipulations in that Treaty, were the Things, which it was agreed ſhould be referred to Commiſſaries ; and the King of *England* had promiſed, that no Innovations ſhould be made, till they had come to a Determination.

The Court of *France*, therefore, urged [and at the ſame Time that it aſſured his *Britannic* Majeſty of the Confidence it had in the Sincerity of his Declaration, it made it appear, in a Reply, which was ſent to the Court of *London*, the 6th of *February*] that the Propoſal made by his Majeſty, was the only one, which could effectually prevent Trouble and Uneaſineſs. It aſſerted, that, that Method was agreeable to the Engagements of the Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, to the Meaſures taken ſince that Time, and to the Conditions damanded by *England* itſelf, in 1750, and 1751. And indeed, as the Deſign of that Commiſſion, to which the Court of *London* had agreed to, was to determine the Meaning of the 12th and 13th Articles of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, the Execution of thoſe Articles, could not be looked on as the Baſis of a Negociation. That would have been to give up, as an undoubted Principle and Rule of Action, the very Thing that was ſubmitted to the Deciſion of Commiſſaries.

His Majeſty therefore propoſed, 1*ſt*. That both Kings ſhould command their reſpective Governors, to abſtain from all Violence, and all Enterpriſes. 2*d*,