

honorable Victory of *Johnson*, attended with the Circumstance of making the *French* General Prisoner: These are Things they affect to flight; the Merit of the two latter Services, is attributed wholly to the People of *New England*; but the Misfortune of the former, is charged wholly on the Ministry, though it is well known that all the Operations, those which succeeded, as well as those that failed, are Parts of one and the same Plan; and consequently not to be divided; whether we consider them with Censure or Applause.

But in whatever Light we view our own Measures, the Success the *French* have had is amplified beyond all Truth and Reason. What one Step have they advanced, or what material Advantage have they made of the Defeat of *Braddock*? Are they possessed of any one Place in which they were not established before that Event? Have they such an Army in the Field as will enable them to act upon the offensive? And do not even the Incursions of the *Indians*, Things far enough from decisive, grow every Day less and less frequent? Are these the Signs of a People who have gained a great and undoubted Superiority? And on our Side, are they Marks of a People neglected