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4th, It is true the 15th Article of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, contains the same Stipulations in Favour of the *French* as of the *English*, with Respect to such *Indian* Nations, as should be deemed by the Commissioners, after the Conclusion of the Treaty, subject to *Great-Britain* or *France*: But as to the *Iroquois* Cantons above mentioned, *France* has distinctly and specifically declared in the said 15th Article, that they are subject to *Great-Britain*, *Magna Britannia Imperio subjecta*, and consequently this is a Point which can admit of no farther Dispute.

5th, In whatever Manner the Treaty of *Utrecht* is interpreted, with Respect to the Trade which the *English* and *French* shall be allowed to carry on with the *Indian* Nation indiscriminately, it is nevertheless very certain, that such a general Commerce is by no Means authorized by this Treaty. To trade with one's own Subjects \*, Allies or Friends, is a common and natural Right; but, to enter by Force upon Lands belonging to the Subjects or Allies of another Crown, to erect Forts there, and deprive them of their Territories, and usurp them for themselves, this neither is, nor can be authorized by any Pretension, not even that most uncertain one of all, viz. Convenience: Yet notwithstanding this, such are the Forts *Frederick*, *Niagara*, that of the Peninsula, of the River *Aux-bauffs*, and all those which have been built on the *O-*  
*bio* and Territories adjacent.

Whatever Pretence *France* may urge, for considering these Countries as dependent on *Canada*, it is certainly true that they belonged, and (inasmuch as they have not been ceded or transferred to the *English*) still do belong to those *Indian* Nations, whom *France* has agreed, by the 15th Article of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, not to molest, *Nulla in posterum Impedimento aut Molesta afficiant* †.

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 \* They are always begging the Question, by supposing continually, that the *Iroquois* are the Subjects of *England*. They are, in Fact, at this very Time their Enemies; and, in Justice they have always been free. See the Harangues of Mr. *Johnson*, and Mr. *Washington*, above.

† What do the *English* fight for the *Iroquois*, whose Heads they have set a Price upon, and whom at this Day they look upon as their Enemies! If these Lands always belonged to the *Indians*, why is all *Europe* now troubled to do these *Indians* a Service, which they do not require?