

The *French* have hitherto committed no Hostilities, but in *America*. Their Encroachments there were many Months, if not many Years, antecedent to our Opposition to them; and might, as I am credibly informed, have been amicably check'd before a single Subject of His Majesty could be truly said to be molested; for tho' the Forts they built were a direct Violation even of the Peace of *Utrecht*, yet they were built at a considerable Distance from the habitable Part of the *British* Dominions.

An *Englishman* should blush to Confess how long the Fort on the *East* of the Falls of *Niagara* has been built. It was so manifestly erected upon the *British* Territory, that is in the Country of the *Iroquois*, that the only possible Claim our Enemies can make to it, is a most Disgraceful one to us, I mean the Claim of Proscription.

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