

Indians returned to make inroads about Chiegnesto, and to cut off the English wood-cutters, as they lived in a state of security from an enemy. Lieutenant-Colonel Scott, having intelligence of this party, marched with 300 provincials in quest of them, came up with them, killed eight Indians on the spot, and wounded a considerable number of the enemy; as was conjectured from the vast quantity of blood, which the English saw, in the pursuit after those invaders.

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French and
Indians re-
enter Nova
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Let us hence return to Europe, and resume the affairs on the continent. The treaty concluded between his Britannic Majesty and the King of Prussia, furnished the court of Vienna with a pretence to form an alliance with the court of Versailles, in order to facilitate a much further view, which it had been watching an opportunity to effect, against the King of Prussia. In consequence of this alliance treaties were drawn up, between those two courts, under the name of treaties of friendship and neutrality^z, with a formal

Affairs of
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Treaty of
alliance
between
France and
Austria.

^z By which the contracting parties reciprocally obliged themselves to the guarantee of all their dominions in Europe: and to furnish each other with 18,000 foot, and 6000 horse; or with a proportionable sum of money, viz. 8000 German florins for 1000 infantry, and 24,000 ditto for 1000 cavalry, in case of any attack from any power whatever.

This treaty was preceded by the following convention of neutrality, which was signed the same day.

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