

Captains, and having asked said *Lacorne* by what Orders he thus invaded the Territories of his Majesty the King of *Great-Britain*, and there committed such Outrages; he answered, that what he did was by Virtue of the Orders of *M. de la Jonquiere*, who had commanded him to take Possession of *Cbiboudi*, the River *St. John*, *Marem-Cook*, *Pitcodiack*, and all that Part of the Country, as belonging to his most *Christian* Majesty; and would at least keep and defend it, until the Limits were settled by the Commissioners appointed for that Purpose.

Although the Detachment of Regular Troops, commanded by Major *Lawrence*, was little inferior to that which *M. de la Corne* headed, yet the Orders of his Majesty, detained him from committing any Act of Hostility.

His Majesty cannot imagine that the Court of *France* has any Knowledge of such Outrages, nay, he is so convinced of the Equity of his most *Christian* Majesty, and of his Desire to maintain a good Understanding between the two Crowns, that he will make no Scruple to disapprove of them.

Governor *Cornwallis* never had the least Intention to form any Settlements beyond the Limits of the Peninsula; or in such Parts of the Country, as *France* did not look upon to belong to him; nor was it ever the Design of his Majesty in settling his Province of *Nova-Scotia*, to encroach upon the Rights of his most *Christian* Majesty,

† Keeping and defending, cannot be called an invading; that is true.

* How came it to pass that those very Orders did not keep him from advancing so far with his Troops? He acknowledges that the Detachment of *M. de la Corne*, was superior to his; that Detachment was, no Doubt, a Disappointment to his Designs; it was therefore very well done in the *Marquis de la Jonquiere*, to send Troops to oppose the Invasion.

‡ That is positive, and the *English* acknowledge it themselves at least they had no Liberty to form Schemes in the Continent, before the Determination made by Commissioners. But did they wait when?

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