

The Marquis de Puyfieux's answer to the foregoing letter.

Versailles, March 31, 1750.

SIR,

I Received the letter your excellency did me the honour to write me the 25th, containing the complaints of your court concerning the step taken by the Marquis de la Jonquiere, governor of New France, in having sent a detachment of troops to Chipoudi; as the Comte de la Galiffoniere, his predecessor, had done heretofore to the river of St. John.

The British court might have seen the reasons which authorised the conduct of both these governors, in a memorial given in, in the month of June last, wherein the river St. John and Chipoudi have been demonstrated to be on the continent of Canada.

As to the submissions which might have been made, previous to the arrival of this detachment from Canada, to the English governor of Acadia, by some of the inhabitants of Chipoudi intimidated by the menaces of this governor, no right could from thence be derived to Great Britain, nor could they hinder these inhabitants from being French, and settled on French ground. They would only tend to prove, that if there has been any discussion on this frontier, it must have been

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