

*English* that no Violence would be offered them, and furthermore, desired the *English* Commander to return his Answer by M. de Jumonville, and to treat that Officer with that Distinction and Respect which he deserved.

That Deputy set out with an Escort of Thirty Men; and the next Morning found himself surrounded by a Number of *English* and *Indians*: The *English* quickly fired two Volleys, which killed some Soldiers. M. de Jumonville made a Sign that he had a Letter from his Commander; hereupon the Fire ceased, and they surrounded the *French* Officer, in order to hear it. He immediately ordered the Summons to be read, and, as it was reading the second Time, the *English* assassinated him. The rest of the *French* that escorted him were, upon the Spot, made Prisoners of War. The only one who escaped, and who gave M. de Contieaur a circumstantial Account of that Affair, assured him, that the *Indians* who were with the *English*, had not fired a Gun; and that at the Instant M. de Jumonville was assassinated, they threw themselves in between the *French* and their Enemies.

That Murder produced an Effect in the Minds of the *Indians*, which Major Washington, who was at the Head of that *English* Detachment, did not in the least expect. Even those, who, by the Suggestions of the *English*, had been most animated against the *French*, came and offer'd to go themselves and revenge that Crime.

The Marquis du Quesne would not accept the Offer of a Nation always cruel in their Vengeance. He imagined at first, that the *English* would disavow the Fact, and throw it upon the Fierceness of some Traders; but it has been since proved that nothing was done but by the Orders of the Governors of the *English* Colonies. (We have the original Journal of Major Washington, from which it is apparent that what he did, was by Virtue of express Orders which he had received. It was a Thing before agreed upon, to attack the *French* wherever they could be met with.

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