

recover its just rights, which were so scandalously trampled upon by the French, will be a lasting disgrace to the politics of a people who make so considerable a figure in Europe and who were so able to protect their fellow subjects in America. Hereby our enemies gathered much spirit and alacrity; the Indians were encouraged in their defection; those of them still in our interest, despised us, and not able even to protect ourselves, and much less them, tho' we were more numerous than our enemies in those parts. All the British could boast of having done, to the south of Nova Scotia, was the building two paltry forts at Oswego, and those not finished. So that the French had still the advantage, and the frontiers of all the British provinces lay exposed to their incursions.

We will now turn to the affairs of Europe, where the British ministry issued orders to seize all the French ships, whether outward or homeward bound; and so successful were the British cruizers, that before the end of the year about 300 French merchantmen and 8000 of their sailors were brought into British ports.

In the mean time the French resolved upon drawing the British into Germany, hoping thereby to divert their attention from America. They secured some of the princes of the empire in their interest, particularly the elector of Cologne, who consented to their erecting magazines in his country. From this step king George instantly perceived that the French intended to attack Hanover; upon which he began to provide for the security of that electorate. In June he entered into a subsidiary treaty with the landgrave of Hesse Cassel, whereby that Prince engaged to furnish 12000 men for four years, which were to be employed in case Hanover or Britain should be attack'd; but the defence of the former was more immediately its object. He also required from the court of Vienna the auxiliaries stipulated to him by treaty; but they were refused upon the pretence that the dispute between Britain and France concerned America only, and therefore it was not a case of the alliance.

Before his Majesty left Germany he laid the foundation of a subsidiary treaty with Russia, but it was not signed

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