

but by none more strongly than what may perhaps at first sound like a paradox, *that the simple possession of Canada with the westward of the great lakes* \* *can be of no consequence to the French.* Can we suppose that they would be desirous of this cession, that they would sacrifice any advantage to it in another part of the world, unless they had some farther views than the bare pleasure of being called Lords of Canada, or unless they were confident that they can by means of their influ-

\* By the westward of the lakes, is not meant the westward of all the five great lakes, the Illinois river, the banks of the Mississippi, nor any part of Louisiana; but only so far west as was included in the same government with Canada, and which was surrendered to us by the capitulation of Montreal; *viz.* that Chersonesus which is formed by the lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron, Detroit and Michilimakinac, with the rivers Miamis and Vabash.