

that very time, all the forces of the English colonies were in motion, in order to execute their plan of a general invasion of Canada. This plan was drawn up, and settled in London, at a time, when the English commissaries of Paris, seemed very busy in their endeavours to concur with those of the king, in a plan of reconciliation.

The facts which we are going to relate, deserve the most serious attention, we publish them with reluctance, but our concern for truth, makes such a step unavoidable: moreover, it is become necessary, that Europe now threatened with a bloody war, be made acquainted, at last, with the true authors of a rupture, the consequence of which, cannot be otherwise than fatal.

So early as the 28th of August, 1753, the king of England had sent to the different governors of the English colonies, orders relative to the manner in which they were to behave themselves towards the French. As these orders cannot be produced, there is no judging of their contents, but, by the conduct of the English in their consequence.

All we can collect towards clearing up this dark affair, from his Britannick majesty's instructions, found among the papers of general Braddock, is, that this prince exhorts the governors to act in concert, in order, to car-