

But the Queen's Ministers, finding the said Hostilities continued, resolved to take such Measures as not only put a Stop to the Progress of the French in those Parts, but had drove them out of all that Continent; if Sir HAVINDER WALKER's Expedition had not unfortunately miscarried in the Year 1711. However, the French were obliged, by the Treaty of Utrecht, to restore all they had taken from us, and to confirm our Right to all the Lands on the South Side of the River St. Laurence, as will more fully appear by the Articles of the said Treaty. But, thro' an Infatuation or Neglect in us, the French have been suffered to hold all the Lands they had possessed themselves of as aforesaid on the South Side of the River St. Laurence, save only Nova Scotia; and altho' the late Treaty of Aix le Chapelle further confirmed the said Treaty of Utrecht, yet the French now spirit up their Indians underhand to harass and disturb us even in the Possession of that Colony, and keep a constant Body of Regular Troops upon the Peninsula of the said Colony, and have thrown up Fortifications there to protect the said Indians.

Their being left in Possession of those Lands on the South Side of the River St. Laurence, has given LEWIS the XVth. a proper Handle to resume the Designs formed by his Great Grandfather; and he has so well followed his Proceedings as to send 1500 Regular Troops to that Continent, the very Year he signed the Treaty of Aix le Chapelle, and has continued sending more Troops there every Year since; and his Governors have continually spirited up the Indians in Alliance with them to make Incursions upon the Indians in Alliance with us, and have always sent French Officers and Regular Troops along with their said Indians, in order to lead them on in every Incursion they have made, and now do make, against our said Indian Allies since the last Peace: And, as the said Indians have not been properly assisted by us, the French have so overpowered the said Indians, that they dare not lift up their Hands against them; whilst they (the French) have made Lodgments, and built such a Chain of Forts, upon the Lands of the said Indians, as cover the whole Country which the French have usurped as aforesaid along from the South Side of the Mouth of the River St. Laurence up along the South Sides of the said Lakes, and so on along the South Side of the River Mississippi, to where it empties itself in the Bay or Gulph of Mexico.

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