

Quarrel, they should first send positive Orders to the respective Governors, to make them cease from all Enterprizes and Violences ; and command them, with Respect to the Territory on the Side of OHIO, or, LA BELLE RIVIERE, to put all Things, without Delay, in the same Condition in which they were, or ought to have been, before the last War.

The King demanded at the same Time, that the Claims respecting that Country, should be amicably referred to the Commissaries ; and, that to remove all Grounds of Uneasiness, his BRITANNIC Majesty would explain himself fully, as to the Destination and Motives of that Armament which was made in Ireland.

Had that Proposal been accepted, Fort du Quesne, which General Braddock was commanded to attack, would have been destroyed by the French themselves, and the Commissaries of the two Nations, would have examined in an amicable Manner, the Titles and Possession of each Crown.

The Answer to that Memorial, was sent to the Duke de Mirepoix, the 22d of January, 1755. That Answer† has two Parts ; and if the first appeared captious, the second, however, contained nothing equivocal, and ought to have been sufficient to assure the French of the Destination of the Armament in Ireland.

1st, His Britannic Majesty demands, that the Possession of that Territory on the Side of Ohio, be put in the same Condition, in which it was at the Time of the Conclusion of the Treaty of Utrecht ; and, agreeable to the Stipulation of that same Treaty, he would have the same done in all the other Possessions of North-America ; and agrees, when that is done, to treat about the Instructions of the respective Governors, and making them cease from all Violences, and to refer the Pretensions of both, to be quickly and finally discussed and adjusted, in an amicable Manner, between the two Courts.

2^d, He declares, That the Defence of his Rights and Possessions, and the Protection of his Subjects, had been the sole Motives of that Armament which had been sent to

† See N^o. 2.

North.