

charitable reflexion on our conduct, was subjoined to the memorial, which he had annexed to the justification of the savages; the whole, as you know very well, for the inspection of the English commissaries.

It is however but fair, notwithstanding what the commandant may say, (for there was no love lost betwixt us) to add a word or two in justification of our opinion, which he has not refuted so strongly as he imagined.

We all believed at that time, and for my part I do still believe, that we ought not to judge of the justice of the cause of either side, from the actions of individuals; but from the nature of the dispute, which gave rise to those actions; that is, we ought not to judge by the effect, but by the cause. As for our upbraiding the English, because we have done some acts of humanity to people of that nation, the charge is not only groundless, but puerile; the former, because the generosity of a few individuals, which has frequently met with an equal return from the enemy, does by no means deter-