

Skaniaderâde we want, which are our just Rights, and not the inhospitable *Canada*: Those Countries, the Flower of the whole Globe, I wish to see them drove out of.

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An Explanation of the French Title to the Country on the North-west Side of St. Lawrence River, between Fort Frontenac and Montreal.

The Author's
Conduct ex-
amined.

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An Example
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Care in Ame-
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A Reason for
not meddling
with any Place
not clearly
our own.

THE candid Reader who is concerned for the *British* Interest in *America*, must no doubt be anxious to know, whether the vast Extent of the most excellent Land represented in my Analysis § to the Property of the *Confederates*, and of course ours, by the Concession of *France*, in the Treaty of *Utrecht*, is founded on Authority sufficient to excite Public Belief, or that I did only divert myself, as the Letter-writer says, with setting Bounds to Provinces and Empires. To convince the World that I had taken the Degree of Care that an Author, on so serious a Point, owes the Public, I shall here enter into a Detail of the Authorities, whereon that Part is founded, which is now called in question.

I have above explained, how little it is our Interest to meddle with *Frontenac*; let me here add one Argument against meddling with it, if Justice and Public Faith are not clearly in our Favour. Has not the *French* King been representing to all the Courts of *Europe*, that the present Disturbances in *America* have been owing to the ambitious Views and Incroachments of his *Britannick* Majesty? To be sure he has not yet been able to prove the Insinuation; but as sure it is, that it would be rendering him great Service to enable him so to do; and equal Disservice to the King of *Great Britain*, to be thrown under the Odium of acting what we so much detest in the *French*. If we have a just Right to the Land in question, or an exclusive one to the Navigation of *Lake Ontario*, neither will be the less for being candidly examined into. But if we have not, it may save us some Honour, Men and Money, besides Time to attend to our immediate Rights and Interest. What we acquire, that is justly our own during a War, we shall be able to preserve at an ensuing Treaty of Peace: What we get that is not our own, must be restored to the Enemy. To what Purpose then can false Claims tend, but to endless and fruitless Expeditions? And how can such serve the Honour of a Prince, who prides himself in being the honestest Man in *Europe*; and who by a Reign, long, happy, and glorious, has convinced all Mankind he is so?

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