

tions of his Britannick Majesty's resolutions : but at the very time that this plan of invasion, concerted before the year 1754, was carrying into execution in America, the British ministry were busy in their endeavours to amuse France, by the means of negotiations. War was carrying on beyond the seas : while people in Europe, were solely taken up with a system of pacification, and proper methods to prevent a rupture, on which England was already determined,

The sole view of England in this negotiation, of which Europe had notice, was to gain the time necessary to carry into execution at once, all the parts of their project. And indeed it will soon appear, that the more France became tractable, the greater number of new difficulties was raised by his Britannick Majesty's ministers, in order to elude a conciliation. "Till from the letters of General Braddock, the court of London having no further doubt about the success, his Britannick Majesty gave express orders for the carrying on openly a war at sea, and attacking, without distinction, all the King's ships.

That these were the views of the British court, will appear by a particular account of the negotiations in which the French ministry were very seriously employed : and, in which that of Great-Britain appeared to be so, during the first six months of 1755.

In the month of January of this year, his Majesty being desirous to prevent the consequences

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