

“ ders of the Ohio, to traffick with the
 “ natives of those parts : this being
 “ known to the Canadian French, messen-
 “ gers were dispatched to acquaint them,
 “ that, unless they withdrew from their
 “ master’s territories, their effects would
 “ be confiscated, and themselves carried
 “ to prison at Quebec. This message the
 “ traders thought fit to obey, and with-
 “ drew in consequence of it.

“ The succeeding season, another com-
 “ pany of British subjects came to trade
 “ on the Ohio : and not withdrawing on
 “ a like message with the former, their
 “ goods were confiscated, and themselves
 “ carried prisoners to Quebec, from whence
 “ they were brought to Rochelle in France,
 “ AND STILL DETAINED IN PRISON. Not
 “ conscious of having violated the laws
 “ of nations, or traded on any ground,
 “ to which the king of Great Britain had
 “ not an undoubted right, they *remon-*
 “ *strated* to the British ministry, *insisted*
 “ upon being claimed as British subjects,
 “ and honourably discharged from prison,
 “ as persons unoffending the laws of na-
 “ tions ; nay, they *entertained* the *honor-*
 “ *able hopes* of *Englismen*, that the *mini-*
 “ *stry*