

The *Marquis du Quesne* at the same Time that he was informed of this Step of the Governor of *Virginia*, received Advice from all Parts of the Preparations the *English* Colonies were making to attack the *French*, under Pretence of succouring the *Indians*. These Preparations were approved of by the Court of *London*, in as much as they were published in all the *English* Gazettes since that Time, even to the Harangues by which the Governors of *New-England* and *Virginia* laboured to engage the *Indians* to a War with the *French*.

The *English* had already passed the *Apalachian Mountains* with an Army and some Pieces of Cannon, when *M. de Contiecaur*, who had taken the Command of that Detachment, which formerly belonged to *M. de St. Pierre*, advanced in the Spring of the Year 1754, with five or six Hundred Men, towards the *Ohio*. He found the *English* actually entrenched in a little Fort which they had built between the *Ohio* and *Riviere le Beuf*, [*French Creek*]. They did not exceed Fifty in Number, and were commanded by Capt. *Trent*. They were summoned to depart immediately out of the Lands belonging to *France*. They obeyed, and quietly evacuated their Fort; they also prayed *M. de Contiecaur* to give them some Provisions, which they were in want of: He ordered them a plentiful Supply, and destroyed their Fort.

Having continued his March to the *Ohio*, he found on its Banks the Traces of a Fort which the *English* intended to build, but which they had no doubt abandoned at the News of his Approach; there he settled and fortified himself. As they were working at the Entrenchments of that Fortification, which they called *Fort du Quesne*, *M. de Contiecaur* was informed that a considerable Body of Forces was marching towards him. Hereupon he charged *M. de Jumonville*, with a written Summons, in Form of a Letter, directed to the first *English* Officer he should meet: † It was dated the 23d of May, 1754, and was almost of the same Tenor with the Summons before sent to Captain *Trent*. He assured the

† See N° 7.

English

English
therm

Answer
with th

Tha
and th

Numbe
fired tw

monvill
mander

the *Fra*
ordered

the seco
of the 1

Prisoners
gave M

Affair,
English

de Jumo
between

That
Indians

of that
Even th

been mo
to go th

The
a Nation

at first,
throw it

been find
ders of th

the origi
it is appa

Orders w
agreed up

met with