

posed our commissaries in 1755. Mr. P— acquiesced in giving up Guadaloupe, and to retain only two of the neutral islands; Grenada and the Grenadines were not mentioned, nor should we have been in possession of Florida: the French would not then listen to any proposal, without having the captures made before the declaration of war, or their equivalent, restored; and we were not to be refunded the expence we have been at in maintaining near 25,000 prisoners about five years; which can amount to no small sum. The French were then no way determinate in evacuating Ostend and Nieuport; and they were far from being explicit in agreeing to demolish the harbour of Dunkirk, which Mr. P— laid so much stress upon. As to the assistance we were to continue giving the King of Prussia, and the aid France was to give the Queen of Hungary, it would thereby have continued the war in fact, though we made peace in appearance; and been at a great expence, without the least prospect of reaping any advantage.

Thus it appears, then, we have made no restitutions by these Preliminaries, but such as Mr. P— would have agreed to last year; but that we have, on the other hand, invariably fixed the boundaries of our North American Colonies, and greatly extended them