

that England was sincerely desirous of re-establishing the union between the two crowns; and the advantages which would redound to England from the offers of France, were so visible and extensive, that there was no suspicion that the Court of London would increase the difficulties of a negotiation, which France was zealous to terminate without delay, and to the satisfaction of the two powers.

Before a Memorial of propositions was sent in form to the court of London, his Majesty's minister, intrusted to confer with M. Stanley, gave him previous assurances of the sacrifices which his Majesty had resolved to make. He authorized him to write word, that France would guaranty the possession of Canada to England, provided that England would restore to the King the island of Cape Breton, and confirm the right of the French to fish, and dry their fish, in the gulf of St Lawrence, upon the coast, and in the island of Newfoundland. As the island of Cape Breton, if fortified, might afford England matter of jealousy, the French Minister told M. Stanley, that the King engaged to destroy all the fortifications which might remain in that island, and not to erect any new ones upon any pretence whatever. The port of Louisburg being to be considered only as a shelter for the fishermen in the gulf of St Lawrence, and on the coast of Newfoundland, France offered to restore the island of Minorca to England, provided they would give up the islands of Guadaloupe and Marigalante in return.

With regard to the East Indies, they proposed, that the treaty of Sieurs, Godeheu, and Saunders, made in the year 1755, should be confirmed. That treaty, although advantageous to the English Company, was judged to be most effectual for maintaining peace between the two Companies, and to recall them to views of commerce much more analogous to their reciprocal interests,

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