

themselves secure, when the French over-run all North America. But if they all act as they have done, they had better give up their grants and charters to their own country, than to the French; which the proprietors of Carolina were obliged to do but a few years ago, only on account of a few Indians. But how much more formidable must they be, when all the Indians in North America are joined by the French, as they already are or soon must be, unless all our colonies unite to prevent it.

It is by this means that the French over-run our colonies, and ever must do, while they continue in this situation. And it is in vain to pretend to hide this from the French; they have seen it long ago, as much as we feel it; which even their officers told us on the *Ohio*, the cause of their bold and otherwise desperate attempt upon that place. The only use that can be made of this our situation, is not to huddle it up, as it has been, but to see it, and amend it.

One would have thought it was not in nature for the British dominions in America to have been put in the situation they are. They are in possession of the sea-coast indeed, as if they had been designed to oppose a naval power, or their mother country; while all their inland frontiers are left naked, defenceless, exposed and unguarded every where, to
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