

ARTICLE II.

Concerning the Limits of Canada.

IT will be difficult to form an exact Idea of what is called in the Memorial, the Center of *Canada*, and much less can it be admitted as the Basis of the Negotiation, that the River *St. Lawrence* is the Center of that Province, which is asserted without Proof. It is impossible, that the Course of a River, of such an Extent, can form the Center of any Country, otherwise *Great-Britain* would not consent, that the Territory between the North Side of the Bay of *Fundy*, and the Southern Shore of the River *St. Lawrence* (which *Great-Britain* has already offered to leave neutral and uninhabitable by either of the *Two-Nations*, excepting the Border proposed to be taken off) ought to be, what it never has been, considered as a Part of *Canada*; as the contrary has been demonstrated by authentic Proofs.

Neither can *Great-Britain* admit, that *France* has any Right to the Lakes *Ontario* and *Erie*, and to the River *Niagara*, or to the exclusive Navigation of these Waters. Since it is evident from incontestable Facts, that the Subjects of *Great-Britain* and *France*, as well as the five *Iroquois Nations*, indiscriminately, make Use of the Navigation of these Lakes and that River, whenever Opportunity or Convenience require. But with Respect to a Portion of Country, situate on the North Side of the River *St. Lawrence*, exclusive of that which has been proposed to be left neutral, the Boundaries of which are in Dispute between the *Two-Nations*, or their Respective Colonies, the Court of *Great-Britain* is ready to enter upon a † Discussion of this Particular, and to determine the Limits by an amicable Negotiation; but still without injuring the Rights and Possessions of any of the *Five-Nations*.

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† What a perpetual Growth of Discussions and future Negotiations! And all the while they were carrying Fire and Sword into the *French* Settlements in *America*. They expected nothing in *London*, but to hear an Account of General *Braddock's* Exploits; and if the Orders given by his *Britannic Majesty* had been executed with all the desired Success, the *French* Prisoners would have now been in *Commodore Keppel's* Squadron returning to *France*.