

Armament into *North-America*, which he professes to have done *without an Intention to injure any Power that exists, or to engage in any Thing that has a Tendency to violate the general Peace* †. To be convinced of this, the Nature and Extent of that Armament need only to be considered: And the King does not doubt but that his most *Christian* Majesty, according to the well known Uprightness of his Intentions, will be as open and explicit, with Respect to *his* great naval Preparations at *Brest* and *Toulon*.

Signed, T. ROBINSON.

N U M B. III.

REPLY to the MEMORIAL of Sir Thomas Robinson, sent by the Duke de Mirepoix, February 6th, 1755.

THE King is too well convinced of the sincere Disposition of the King of *Great-Britain*, to maintain a good Understanding between the two Crowns, as well as the public Tranquility, not to think, that his *Britannick* Majesty, views with Concern, the Dangers which threaten both the one and the other, through the unexpected Disputes in *North-America*, on the River *Ohio*.

It was the same good Disposition that induced his Majesty to propose, by his Ambassador at the Court of *London*, that, previous to an Examination of the Rise of this Dispute, and an Enquiry into the Means of bringing it to an amicable Conclusion, the two Kings should issue positive Orders to their respective Governors in that Part of *America*, to abstain from all Acts of Violence, and from engaging in any new Enterprize, and to put Things into the same Condition which they were, or ought to have been in, before the last War.

If his *Britannick* Majesty thought this Proposal, at first Sight, not sufficiently express, with Regard to the Matter in Dispute, between the two Courts; we are persuaded, that he will alter his Opinion, when he reflects, that *France* is entirely unacquainted with his Pretensions; that since the Year 1679, in which *La Bell-Riviere* was dis-

† This formal Declaration should be compared with the Instructions given by his *Britannick* Majesty to General BRADDOCK, and with the Plan of Operation contained in Col. NAPIER's Letter.

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