

the maritime and commercial power of our natural rival, as when we began the last war, which was undertaken and prosecuted entirely upon maritime and commercial principles.

In North America, indeed, our empire became complete. No pretence was left for future claim or liminary disputes. We kept Canada,* and added to it a vast tract of territory lying behind it and our ancient settlements, and extending to the river Mississippi, the boundaries of which territory were clearly marked out and ascertained. And thus we became possessed of a mighty empire in the new world, comprehending an immense extent of country, including every various soil and climate, inexhaustible in its resources, and which, in the extensive lakes and navigable rivers with which

* Art. IV. of the Definitive Treaty,