

It is necessary here to add a remark or two on this perplexed and intricate affair; concerning which, so much falsehood has been propagated. It is very plain that, although several just demands were made by lord Albemarle to the french minister, yet none of them (except the releasing the three men at Rochelle) were complied with: even to this day the fort at Niagara has not been demolished. No satisfaction was made to those englishmen who were taken prisoners, for the losses they sustained; nor any restitution made for the effects that had been seized. And as to the positive orders which were to be sent to all their governors in North America, and to de la Jonquiere in particular, for them to desist from any the like attempts or encroachments for the future, every one knows the french never thought of complying with this demand, since they continued without interruption their encroachments; and were so far from desisting from the same, that they even carried them every day further and further, till at last it came to an open war between the two nations.

It is one of the first and best of political maxims, for every nation to resent the wrongs done them vigorously and without delay. But, to the misfortune of their country, the ministry in England did not follow that method to have its injuries redressed. 'Tis true, my lord Albemarle demanded every thing that it was reasonable to expect the french could grant. But there certainly is a wide difference between demanding, and having those demands granted. The only article complied with was, the releasing the three englishmen at Rochelle. Now it is natural here to enquire into the reason, why the british ministry did not insist upon having the other articles, mentioned in the lord Albemarle's memorial, complied with instantly, and a stop put to the many encroachments which the french were making in America. We know this should have been done: and we know it was not done. To enquire