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Embassador, and to whom they applied for Protection, solicited their Liberty, without complaining of the Reason for which they were deprived of it. The King ordered them to be discharged, and some Money also to be given them: For which my Lord *Albemarle* thanked the Superintendent of the Marine, as for a personal Favour.

The Moderation with which the *French* had conducted themselves, served to embolden the *Indians* on *Ohio* inso- much that there was room to fear a general Conspiracy of those People, to whom the *English* had promised all kinds of Succour. Nevertheless the *Marquis de la Jonquiere* did no more in 1751 than he had done in 1750, but the Detachments that were sent discovered that Things were in a very great Ferment, the ill Effects of which it was absolutely necessary to prevent with all Expedition. The Governor of *Canada* convinced that the Colony was threatened with an Invasion of *Indians*, was preparing to march a more considerable Body of Troops in order to keep them in Awe, when he died in the Month of *March* 1752.

The *Marquis du Quesne* his Successor arrived at *Quebec* some Months after. Finding the Colony in the greatest Alarm, he made all hast to carry into Execution the Designs of the *Marquis de la Jonquiere*; but several Things having retarded the March of the Detachments, all that *M. de Saint Pierre*, who had the Command of it, could do, was to erect at a small Distance from *Lake Erie*, a Blockhouse, in which he passed the Winter, from 1753 to 1754.

There he remained quiet till the Month of *October* 1753, when he received a Letter from the Governor of *Virginia*, summoning him to withdraw. To this he only answer'd, that he was on *French* Ground, and by the Order of his General, to whom he was going to dispatch that Summons †. As to the rest of his Conduct, he treated with all Politeness the *English* Officer who brought him the Letter. The

† The Governor's Letter, and *M. de Saint Pierre's* Answer, were sometime ago inserted in the public News Papers in *London*.