

vented for the future, and France did not incur the risk of losing the colony of Louisiana, whenever it pleased the Court of London to invade it.

England, in her answer, persisted in requiring France to name the possessions which the King desired to have on the coast of Africa. The third Article satisfied that demand.

The King, in the fourth Article, agreed to the Demolition of Dunkirk, as far as it was possible; for it will not be practicable, as after the peace of Utrecht, to erect afresh a dam against the sea, which would inevitably carry it away presently. As to what remained, it was offered to demolish every thing at Dunkirk which had the appearance of a military port. Every one must be sensible how mortifying such a demolition must have been to France.

They agreed that the liberty of fishing in the Gulf of St Lawrence, and upon the banks and coasts of Newfoundland, should be the compensation for the Demolition of Dunkirk. They accepted the cession of the Isle of St Pierre, on Conditions more than burthensome: the union of Michelson to St Pierre was of the least consequence; and the D. de Choiseul even assured Mr Stanley that such a cession would not be insisted on.

It is true the King rejected the inspection of the English Admiral, and that his Majesty was resolved rather to refuse the Possession of St Pierre, than to agree to such an inspection, which was useless for the maintaining the stipulations of the Treaty, and injurious to the dignity of the French nation; as that condition seemed to be proposed only with a view to manifest, on the part of England, an ill-timed superiority.

The other Articles of the French Memorial explain of themselves, with sufficient precision, the sincere and pacific intentions of his Majesty.

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