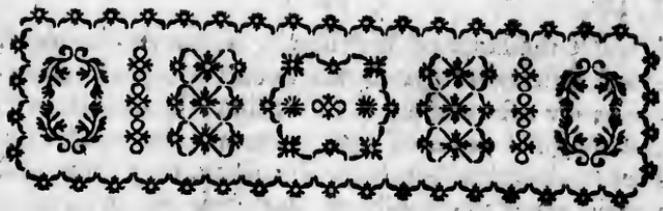


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*From the committing of Hostilities to the defeat
of General Braddock.*

* * * * * H O E V E R rightly considers the origin
 * W * of the present war, will find it a difficult
 * * * * * matter to determine whether it ought to
 * * * * * be attributed to the disputes concerning
 * * * * * the limits of Nova Scotia, or to the design
 which the French had long had in view of uniting Can-
 ada with Louisiana, by a chain of forts in order to
 extirpate the English totally out of North America.
 To clear this matter satisfactorily, a man should be pos-
 sessed of what were the real and particular intentions
 of the French ministry, immediately after the peace of
 Aix la Chapelle, when they began to send troops, stores,
 arms, provisions, &c. to Canada: Whether they
 intended first to seize Nova Scotia, or the lands on
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