

The ANSWER to the foregoing Memorial, delivered by Order of the English Court, to the Duke de Mirepoix, January 22d, 1755.

THE King has beheld with Concern the unexpected Differences in *North-America*, and the Hostilities with which they have been accompanied : His Majesty is equally desirous, with the most *Christian* King, to put an End to them ; demanding nothing but what is founded on Treaties, and is agreeable to the just Rights and Possessions of his Crown, and the Protection of his Subjects in that Part of the World.

The King is of Opinion, that the Proposal communicated by his Excellency the Duke de Mirepoix, is not express as to that Matter : Nevertheless, to manifest his Desire of maintaining the most perfect Peace, Union and Harmony, with his most *Christian* Majesty, and to the End that Matters may be re-established on an equitable Footing, his Majesty proposes, that the Possession of the Country along the *River Ohio* or *Belle-Riviere*, should be restored to the same Condition as it actually was in at the Conclusion of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, and according to the Stipulations made in the same Treaty, as it has been renewed by that of *Aix-la-Chapelle* ; and moreover, that the other Possessions in *North-America*, be restored to the same Condition in which they were at the Conclusion of the said Treaty of *Utrecht*, and agreeable to the Cessions and Stipulations made by that Treaty. And then his Majesty will be able to treat of the Method of instructing the respective Governors, to restrain them from engaging henceforward in any new Enterprizes, or committing any Hostilities ; and the Pretensions on both Sides, may then be submitted to be speedily and finally discussed, and amicably adjusted between the two Courts.

Such are the Sentiments of his Majesty : The Defence of his Rights and Possessions, and the Protection of his Subjects, have been his sole Motives for sending an Armament

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