

to which it is said they have lately sent great numbers of troops, besides those they had there before; from which our southern colonies cannot but be in some danger.

where they then had no pretensions, that were publicly known at least. This appears from the dates of these two acts: the cessation of arms, in consequence of those engagements to Britain, was signed August 19th 1712, and on September 14th following, Lewis made this grant to his secretary *Crozat*.

After the peace, they secured the *Mississipi* by a new grant to the company in 1717. And if we allow of that, they gain much more than they were to give up by the treaty of *Utrecht*; and make void all the advantages the nation was to reap from it, the surrender of their claims in North America, wherever they then had any that were openly avowed and publicly known, which those to the *Mississipi* were not. They had then deserted it, except a few *Strays* left among the Indians at *Mobile*; and the English were then in possession of the *Mississipi*, with people on it, at the treaty of *Utrecht*.

Their grant of the *Mississipi* is "*bounded by the lands of the English of Carolina*", by the words of it. But the lands of the English of Carolina include that whole grant, according to grants made to them in 1584, in 1630, and 1664, long before this French grant, or any other pretensions of theirs to the *Mississipi*, were so much as thought of; and long before the treaty of *Utrecht*—All these grants, colonies, and possessions of the English, they trespass upon by this grant of the *Mississipi*; as well as upon those of *Virginia* in 1584, and 1609; besides other later claims of the English from *Purchases* and *Possessions*.

They cannot think surely, that we should pay any regard to the magnified discoveries of *Mr. La Sale*; a

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