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* It is fo far from my intention to interpret any thing contrary to its real meaning that I fhall give the words of the Britifh Memorial on thefe intermediate Indians.
" As to what refpects the line to be drawn from Rio Perdido as contained in the note remitted by M. Buffy with regard to the limits of Louifiana his Majefty is obliged to reject fo unexpected a propofition as by no means admiffible in two refpects.
1. Becaufe the faid line, under colour of fixing the limits of Louifiana, annexes vaft countries to that province, which with the commanding pofts and forts, the Marquis de Vaudreuil has, by the moft folemn capitulation inconteftably yielded into the poffeffion of his Britannic Majefty, under the defcription of Canada, and that confequently however contentious the pretenfions of the two crowns may have been before the war, and particularly with refpect to the courfe of the Ohio, and the territories in that part fince the furrender of Canada, and the line of its limits has been traced as aforefaid by the Marquis de Vaudreuil, all thofe oppofite titles are united, and become valid without contradiction, to confirm to Great-Britain with all the reft of Canada the poffeffion of thofe countries on *that part* of the Ohio which have been heretofore contefted.
2. The line propofed to fix the bounds of Louifiana cannot be admitted becaufe it would comprife in another part on the fide of the Carolinas, very extenfive countries and numerous nations who have always been reputed to be under the protection of the King, a right which his Majefty has no intention of renouncing ; and then the King, for the advantage of peace, might confent *to leave the intermediate countries under the protection of Great-Britain*, and particularly the Cherokees, the Creeks, the Chikafaws, the Chactaws, and another nation, fituate between the Britifh fettlements and the Miffiffippi."

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