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*North-America*, the Boundaries whereof were  
not settled by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, referred  
to *Commissaries* of the *two Crowns*, who were  
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\* Nothing can be more impolitic, when we are engaged in a  
Confederacy against *France*, than to leave any Point to be deter-  
mined after the Conclusion of a Peace: for if we cannot get it  
conceded while the Confederacy stands and our Force is united,  
how can we obtain it when we are left alone upon the Dissoluti-  
on of the Confederacy? The *French* have so often experienced  
the Benefit of this Imprudence on our side, that in all their  
Treaties they use every Artifice in their Power to obtain this Ad-  
vantage, and they seldom miss it. But when we recollect the  
weak and traitorous *Ministry* of this Country, who negotiated the  
infamous Peace of *Utrecht*, we cannot wonder that the Interests of  
*America*, &c. should be referred to *Commissaries* after a Conclusion  
of a Peace. This Weakness and Treachery in our Managers of  
the Treaty of *Utrecht*, when it was in our Power to command our  
own Terms, has given Being and Support to most of the Evils  
that have since happened in *America* between us and the *French*.  
And one would have hoped the ill Success of this Part of the  
Treaty of *Utrecht* would have deterred us from the like impoli-  
tic Conduct at the Treaty of *Aix La Chapelle*. But no, the Necessi-  
ty of our Situation then obliged us to submit to the same Mistake  
once more, and we now see and feel the Consequences of it. For  
the *French* refuse to settle any one Point in Dispute with us, unless  
upon such Terms as are abhorrent to our Honour and Interest;  
they are constantly committing Depredations on our Fellow-  
Subjects, and making Encroachments, on us in *America*, and will  
not recede from any one of their Encroachments, though his  
*Majesty's* Claim to most of the Territories they have invaded is  
indisputably just; and they have at last pushed Affairs to such an  
Extremity, that a *European* War with them seems to be inevitable.

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