

the Count *de la Galissoniere* sent thither *M. Celeron*, an Officer from *Canada*, with Orders, not to use any Violence against those strange Traders; but only to enjoin them to withdraw, and, in Case of their obstinate Continuance, to seize their Goods. That Enjoinment had all the Effects that could be desired: The *English* Traders were obliged to remove, and were strictly charged never to return thither. *M. Celeron* also, upon some of the Traders producing their Commissions from the Governor of *Pennsylvania*, gave them a Letter for him; and in it he acquainted the Governor of what had passed, and prayed him not only not to grant any such Commissions for the Future, but also to put a Stop to that contraband Trade which was carried on by the *English* of his Government, on the Lands of the King.

*M. Celeron* was no sooner gone from *le Belle Riviere*, than the *English* Traders returned in Crouds. They had Orders from the Government to excite the *Indians* to take up Arms against *France*, nay, they even brought them Arms and Ammunition. In 1750 the *Marquis de la Jonquiere* was obliged again to send different Detachments, always with the same Orders, not to use any Violence against the *English*, and to keep in Awe the *Indians* that had revolted. Accordingly they were used with all Gentleness: However to prevent the Progress of that contraband Trade, it was thought necessary to seize four *English* Traders, who in Spite of the Prohibition continued the Trade, and who heretofore had been very much suspected of having endeavoured to make the *Indians* revolt. They were conducted to *Canada*: The *Marquis de la Jonquiere* himself questioned them, and their Answers † convinced him of the Certainty of the Advice he had received. It was proved that the Governor of *Pennsylvania* had actually sent Arms and Ammunition and other Presents to the *Indians* to excite them to a War. Hereupon the *Marquis de la Jonquiere* without Hesitation sent these four *English* Men to *France*, and they were kept some time Prisoners at *Rochelle*. My Lord *Albemarle*, who was then *English*

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