

Senegal and the Principle upon which we suppose Your Majesty thought proper to put that River and Country under the Administration of the African Committee. And such, We apprehend, will be the case of that territory in North America which, in Your Majesty's justice and Humanity, as well as sound policy is proposed to be left, under Your Majesty's immediate protection, to the Indian tribes for their Hunting Grounds.

***** And We apprehend that no such delay can be attended with very material Inconvenience, since, if Your Majesty be pleased to adopt the general proposition of leaving a large tract of Country round the Great Lakes as an Indian Country open to Trade, but not to Grants and Settlements the Limits of such territory will be sufficiently ascertained by the bounds to be given to the Governors of Canada and Florida on the North and South, and the Mississippi on the West; and by the strict directions to be given to Your Majesty's several Governors of Your Ancient Colonies for preventing their making any new grants of land beyond certain fixed limits to be laid down in the instructions for that purpose.

But that no time will be lost in finally settling this important point of the Indian Country, it will be absolutely necessary that immediate orders be sent as well to Your Majesty's Commander in Chief of America as to Your Agents for Indian Affairs, that without delay they furnish every information in their power on this subject, and that they be directed to correspond with Your Majesty's Board of Trade for this purpose. *****

Egremont to the Lords of Trade: (Canadian Archives A.&.W.I. Vol. 268. p. 205):-

Whitehall, July 14th, 1763.

My Lords:

Your Report, dated the 8th of March last Month, having ~~ixixxhsforaxthaxKingxaxandxMiaxMajesty~~ been laid before the King, and His Majesty, having taken the Same into Consideration, I am, in Consequence thereof, to acquaint Your Lordships That the King approves the Erecting Three New Governments in North America under the Denominations Your Lordships propose, of Canada, East Florida and West Florida;

Having thus informed Your Lordships of the King's Intentions, with regard as to the extent of the New Governments to be erected in North America; I now repeat to you, That His Majesty entirely concurs in Your Lordship's Idea, of not permitting, for the present, any Grant of Lands or New Settlements beyond the Bounds proposed in your Report;

His Majesty thinks it highly proper, that the Agents for Indian Affairs should correspond with Your Lordships in regard to the Indian Country, and should transmit such Information on this Subject as Your Lordships shall require from them; for which purpose you will send them the necessary Orders and Instructions;

I am &c.

EGREMONT.