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These pieces were dated the 26th of March. England had then conquered from France Isle Royal or Cape Breton, all Canada, the isles of Guadaloupe and Marigalant, and that of Goree in Africa, with Senegal; Europe at that time was ignorant of the precise situation of affairs between the two Crowns in Asia, and the expedition against Belle-Isle had not then taken place.

France; on the other hand, had conquered the island of Minorca, had repaired fome parts of the port of Dunkirk, and in Germany were in possession of Hanau, the Landgraviate of Hesse, and the town of Gottingen in the Electorate of Hanover. It is necessary to obferve, that Casses was besieged on the 26th of March, and that it was to be feared that on the 1st of May the King's forces would no longer be in possession of Hesse, and of the town of Gottingen.

Wefel and Gueldres could not be comprised in the offer of *Uti poffidetis* which France proposed, because those two towns, and the countries dependent on them, appertain to the Empress Queen: That the King has only the custody of them, and that justice is administered there in the name of her Imperial Majesty.

All Europe was aftonished at the facrifices which the King was disposed to make to England: his Majefty's Ministry were reproached on the part of those Courts who were most affectionate to France, and no one doubted but that England would prefer the quiet possession of her conquests, and the repose of her Allies in Germany, to the continuation of the war. The memorial of France, by establishing a fixed basis for the negotiation, proposed to make necessary compensations for the advantage of the two crowns, and opened a way for the evacuation of Germany on the part of the French troops, in compensation of the conquests of England in America.

The full extent of the proposition contained in the C Memorial