

Puyfieux. You will there see the complaints which the British court has exhibited concerning what has passed on the frontiers of Acadia and Canada. If any French have been guilty of the outrages mentioned in these complaints, they would deserve punishment, and the king would make an example of them. 'Tis therefore his majesty's desire, that you search into the truth of what has passed on this occasion, with all possible exactness, and, that by the first opportunity you enable me to give him a particular account of the whole.

I am likewise, by the king's command, to remind you at the same time, of the orders which his majesty has already given you several times, concerning the conduct which you are to observe with respect to the English; especially in whatever relates to the boundaries of the respective colonies, till they have been finally settled. At the same time, that you maintain his just rights against all attempts made to subvert them, you are not to attempt yourself any thing that might be contrary to the rights of the English; you are to shew them all the regard, that is compatible with the honour of the nation, and the preservation of its possessions; to take special care that the officers, whom you shall detach to the posts that are in the neighbourhood of the English colonies, conduct themselves on the same principles: and in short, to avoid every thing that may give any

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