

“ sion of *St. Lucia*, and settle there, the *Sieur*
 “ *Chevalier de Fenquiere*, shall summon them
 “ to retire in fifteen Days, in Regard that
 “ Island belongs to *France*; and if they do
 “ not depart, he shall compel them to it by Force
 “ of Arms. He shall take Care to charge
 “ some of the wisest and most experienced of
 “ his Officers with this Expedition: His Ma-
 “ jesty desires there should be as little Effusion
 “ of Blood as possible; nor will have any
 “ Pillage made: He only wishes the *English*
 “ would retire, and not possess themselves of
 “ a Country which belongs to him.”

Done at *Versailles*,
 Sept. 21. 1722.

If the Crown of *France* had a just Title to
 those Islands, who can blame such a spirited
 Mandate? It would be rather commendable,
 and is certainly well worthy of Imitation, by
 those who have a much clearer Title than
 bare *Allegations and positive Assertions*, to drive
 the *French* out of their Encroachments on those
 Islands, and in *Nova Scotia*, by a *Squadron of*
Men of War, rather than by Reference to
Commissaries: For, it is dangerous, and we
 know by Experience, very expensive and fruit-
 less, to trust the Rights of a Nation to three
 or four *private Men, called Commissaries*; un-
 less the Court should swarm with those of
etherial Spirits, (such as a celebrated *Writer*
 dreams