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His Majesty, even then, would have very willingly consented to enter upon the Examination and Discussion of those Points, which prevented the Conclusion of a preliminary Treaty. Of this, the Duke de Mirepoix assured the Ministers of *Great-Britain*, on the 6th of May, 1755†: And in the Memorial which the Court of *London* ordered to be sent to him, on the 9th of the same Month, they affect to testify the greatest Satisfaction on that Account. In these Terms they express themselves:§

“The Court of *Great-Britain* sees, with the greatest Satisfaction, by the Answer which his Excellency the Duke de Mirepoix has sent to Mr. Robinson, the 6th of this Month, not only that the Court of *France* continues in its Resolution to maintain the Peace, but that its Dispositions are the same as those of *England* always have been, and that it is still ready to enter, without Delay, upon the Examination and amicable Discussion of all the Points in Dispute. The Court of *London*, in the whole Course of this Examination, has proceeded with so much Candour and Sincerity, &c.”

It is not necessary to remark the Date of that Memorial. Every Body may compare it with those of General Braddock's Letters, which I have spoken of above, and may, if they please, reconcile that Candour and Sincerity, with the Hostilities which were then committed in *America*. At the very Time that the Ministers of *Great-Britain*,

* See N°. 9. † See N°. 10. § See N°. 11.

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