

handsomest manner at the time so appointed for performing the same: Given at the City of Annapolis this 11th Day of August in the sixth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Annoq Domini 1756. Lib. J. R.
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His Majestys Declaration of War against the French King: p. 115

George R:

The unwarrantable proceedings of the French in the West Indies, and North America since the Conclusion of the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle and the Usurpations and Encroachments made by them upon our Territories and the Settlements of our Subjects in those parts, particularly in our province of Nova Scotia, have been so notorious and so frequent, that they cannot but be looked upon as a sufficient Evidence of a formed Design and Resolution in that Court, to pursue invariably such Measures, as should most effectually promote their ambitious Views, without any Regard to the most solemn Treaties and Engagements. We have not been wanting on our part, to make, from time to time, the most serious Representations to the french King, upon these repeated Acts of Violence and to endeavour to obtain Redress and Satisfaction for the Injuries done to our Subjects; and to prevent the like Causes of Complaint for the future, But though frequent Assurances have been given that everything should be settled agreeable to the Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns, and particularly that the Evacuation of the four neutral Islands in the West Indies should be effected (which was expressly promised to our Ambassador in France) the Execution of these Assurances, and of the Treaties on which they were founded, has been evaded under the most frivolous pretences; and the unjustifiable practices of the French Governours, and of the Officers acting under their Authority were still carried on 'till at length in the Month of April One thousand seven hundred and fifty four they broke out in open Acts of Hostility when in time of profound peace without any Declaration of War, and without any previous Notice given, or Application made a Body of french Troops under the Command of an Officer bearing the french King's Commission attacked in a hostile manner and possessed themselves of the english ffort on the Ohio in North America

But notwithstanding this Act of Hostility which could not but be looked upon as a Commencement of War yet from our earnest Desire of Peace, and in Hopes the Court of