

*The HISTORY of the*

At the same Time some of the *Tabſagrondie Indians*, who live between *Lake Erie* and the Lake of the *Hurons*, near a *French* Settlement, did come and renew their League with the *English*, nor durſt the *French* hinder them.

In *July* this Year, another Nation came, whoſe Situation and Name we know not. And in *Auguſt* and *September*, ſeveral Parties of the ſame *Indians* that had been here laſt Year. But the greateſt Numbers of theſe far *Indians* have been met this Year, in the *Indian* Country by our Traders, every one of them endeavouring to get before another, in order to reap the Profits of ſo advantagious a Trade, which has all this Summer long, kept about forty Traders conſtantly employed, in going between our Trading-places in our *Indian* Country, and *Albany*.

All theſe Nations of *Indians* who came to *Albany* ſaid, that the *French* had told them many ſtrange Stories of the *English*, and did what they could to hinder their coming to *Albany*, but that they had reſolved to break through by Force. The Difference on this Score between the *Tabſagrondie Indians* and the *French* (who have a Fort and Settlement there, called by them *Le Detroit*) roſe to that Height this Summer, that Mr. *Tonti* who commanded there, thought it proper to retire, and return to *Canada* with many of his Men.

We are for theſe Reaſons well aſſured, that this Year there will be more Beaver exported for *Great-Britain*, than ever was from this Province in one Year; and that if the Custom-houſe Books at *London* be looked into, it will be found, that there will be a far greater Quantity of Goods for the *Indians*, (Strouds eſpecially) ſent over next Spring, than ever was at any one Time to this Province; for the Merchants here tell us, that they have at this Time, ordered more of theſe Goods, than ever was done at any one Time before.

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