

In their passage to the place & some stay and marry among them
 That which is alledged in the Petitioners that
 "the in the first Intention of the making of the
 Act it might be well Design'd, yet in the Effect
 it has prov'd very pernicious to the British
 Trade in general & to a great Interest of the Province
 in particular, To the contrary We are sensible
 of the good Effects of the Act, for since the
 time of the passing thereof, there has been much
 more Trade wth the far Ind^{ies} than there has been
 in several years before."

That what the Petitioners alledge of
 "From the great Difficulties of the Carrying
 on any Trade wth the English Ind^{ies}, & the prohi-
 bition of of all Trade wth the french, is very well
 grounded for we have had a better Trade with
 the Ind^{ies} since the passing of the Act than before
 and should still have been better had there not
 been some Transgressors of the Act by w^{ch}
 the french have receiv'd some supply of Strowds

And what they say, "That all Ind^{ian} goods have
 by this Act been rais'd in their prices to 30p^{ct},"
 We conceive may be occasion'd by their Demand
 & Consumption in Europe & not by Reason of
 the small Quantities imported.

That the Encouragement w^{ch} was on the Trade
 between the french of Canada & the Inhabitants
 of this Province was by far not so advantageous
 to the Inhabitants thereof as this new Trade
 would be if it could Effectually be brought in
 the new Channel as Design'd by the Act for
 then we would not only reap the Benefit on the
 sale of Strowds, but also on the Things of
 little

Little Value, whereon the most gains is to be had
 Whereas the Chief Commodity the french want
 is Strowds (which are universall in fashion
 among the Ind^{ies}) which were sold them here
 on much easier Terms, than they can have them
 from any place on the Continent, so that nothing
 can tend more to keep the five Nations of Ind^{ies}
 firm in their faith & allegiance to his Majesty
 and the Enlarging of his Maj^{ties} Empire in America
 & to keep them strictly unis'd to the Interest
 of the Inhabitants of this & neighbouring Pro-
 vinces, than the promoting & carrying on a Trade
 wth the far Ind^{ies} & Cultivating a good understand-
 ing among them, from w^{ch} would flow the happy
 Consequences Design'd by the Act, Effectually
 if the french could get no supply of Strowds
 from hence or any other British Plantations, they
 not being able to get a Quantity of Strowds
 from France or Holland sufficient to supply
 their Ind^{ies}. But more Effectually if we had the
 happiness that his Maj^{ty} would be graciously
 pleas'd to send over forces & have a fort built &
 Men posted at Ochagara or Therondequat or
 between those places beyond the five Nations
 on the passage of the far Ind^{ies} w^{ch} leads them
 hither or to Montreal to take possession & settle
 the Land resign'd to his Majesty by the five
 Nations & borders on them on the south side of
 the Lake might Determine his Majesty's Interest
 & Trade in that point w^{ch} otherwise may remain
 precarious by Reason of the Interest the french
 have wth the far Ind^{ies} and by such an intercourse
 of Trade between the Inhabitants of the Province
 the five Nations & the far Ind^{ies} & the Cheapness of
 European