

ther would he have been mistaken, if he could have accomplished that End: For, whoever has the sole Possession of that Continent may be soon Master of all the Spanish and Portuguese Settlements in the West-Indies, and all the Sugar Islands; and the immense Treasure brought from thence would soon enable him to conquer all Europe. And, in order to prepare for this Grand Scheme by a Method that should be the least suspected, he, instead of reducing his Troops upon the Peace he made with King WILLIAM, sent several Thousands of them to Canada the very same Year he made the said Peace; and no sooner they arrived there than his Governor there fell a spiriting up the Indians, in Alliance with them, to make War against our Indian Allies, always mixing Detachments of French Troops with the said Indians in every Attack they made, and sometimes their whole Force, and the said Governor at their Head, well foreseeing that it was necessary to vanquish our Indian Allies, or to bring them into an Alliance with them, before they attacked our Colonies, because, when once they got all the Indian Nations of that Country on their Side, they could pour in such Numbers of them upon the People of our Colonies as would drive them into the Sea in Six Months' Time: But, as our said Indian Allies proved to be a much braver People than the Indians in Alliance with them, altho' not a Tenth in Number, and their Country being so defended by such Lakes and Rivers that it was very difficult to come at them, great Numbers of the French Troops and Indians were destroyed. In the mean time, the French used several of our Indian Allies, which fell into their Hands, with the most inhuman Tortures, in hopes to terrify the rest into Submission; some of whom they caused to be pinched to Death with Red-hot Irons, others they flayed alive; then they dispersed a Number of Priests among them to endeavour to seduce them: But these brave and heroick People withstood all their Tortures and Allurements. However, the French continued the above Practices, and kept sending of Troops there Year after Year 'till the Death of King WILLIAM. Then, thinking we should be so taken up with our Affairs at home that we could