

gence for his Majesty's Service, and their own Interests. Nevertheless they have not all equally deserved this Censure, and particularly this Province, where I am, ought not to be put in Comparison with their Neighbours, and may seem not to have merited these Reproaches.

I am persuaded, that the Account your Lordship has received of the good Dispositions of the Northern Colonies, and particularly of that under the Command of Mr. Shirley, ought, very justly, to gain him the Goodwill of his Majesty. I cannot sufficiently express my Indignation against the Provinces of *Pennsylvania* and *Maryland*, whose Interest being alike concerned in the Event of this Expedition, and much more so than any other in this Continent, refuse to contribute any Thing for sustaining the Project; and what they propose, is done upon no other Terms, than such as are altogether contrary to the King's Prerogatives, and to the Instructions he has sent to their Governors. You will perhaps be glad to know, that I have assembled the Governors of *New-England*, *New-York*, *Pennsylvania* and *Maryland*, together, and have fixed the Plan which we are to follow in attacking the *French* all at once, in all their Encroachments upon *Nova-Scotia*, *Crown-Point* and *Niagara*, which must be executed with all the Resolution and Courage imaginable.

(He repeats all that he wrote to Sir Thomas Robinson, in his Letter dated April the 19th, which is the 5th in the above Register.)

I have given Colonel *Johnson* full Power to treat with the *Six Nations*, and their Allies, and with all the other *Indians* of the West, as far as he shall find it necessary; and have sent him Speeches, that he must make to them on my Behalf. I have also given him Money for Presents, and Power to draw upon Governor *Shirley*, if he finds it necessary on this Occasion.

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