

avoid Suspicion. But he persisted in refusing, for a Reason, I suppose, you will think too obvious to mention, and went away in a Passion.

It is evident from the Countenance and Favour *Croghan* meets with that he does not act of himself, in these his Endeavours to embroil Affairs among the *Indians*.

On *Friday, October 13*, a Conference was held, at which the Governors spoke, and the *Allegheny* Letter was read. At the Close of the Conference, one *Nichos* a *Mohawk* made a Speech, which at *Con. Wieser's* particular Request was not then interpreted in public. The Substance of the Speech, we were soon after informed, was to disclaim *Teedyuscung's* Authority. This *Nichos* is *G. Croghan's* Father-in-Law, and him 'tis thought *Croghan* now makes use of to raise Disturbance among the *Indians*, as he found himself baffled in his other Scheme. He could not prejudice *Teedyuscung* and set him against the People of the Province; he therefore now labours to set the *Indians* against him by the same Methods, I suppose, that he attempted the former.

On *Sunday, October 15*; there was a private Conference at *Scull's* but neither *Teedyuscung* nor any of his People were there. Next Day a Conference was held in public, at which were read the Minutes of what had passed: When they came to what was said Yesterday they stopped; but at the Request of the Six Nation Chiefs it was read. What concern'd *Teedyuscung* there, seemed little more than whether he should be considered as a King or an Emperor. They did not deny his Power over his own Nations, and he never claimed (except in his Cups, if then) any Authority over the *Six Nations*; nay, as the Governor observed, he expressly declared they were his Superiors, and that tho' he acted as Head for his own four Tribes, he acted only as a Messenger from his Uncles.

On *Wednesday, October 8th*, when the *Six Nation Indians* come to return an Answer, they gave us a Specimen of their *Finesse* in Politics. We had been harrassed with an *Indian War*; the Governor called upon them